

## Report on RSS Feed Parsing Task using “newspaper3k” and “feedparser”

### Task Overview:

The objective of the task was to develop a Python function that:

1. Parses RSS feeds using “feedparser”.
2. Extracts article URLs from the feed.
3. Downloads and parses the articles using the `newspaper3k` package.
4. Extracts relevant information, such as the article title, author, publish date, content, and URL.
5. Tests the function with multiple RSS feed URLs to validate its functionality.

### Packages Used:

- ‘feedparser’: A Python library used for parsing RSS feeds and retrieving entries (articles) from them.
- ‘newspaper3k’: A powerful Python library that is capable of downloading and parsing news articles. It extracts relevant content such as title, author, publish date, and the main body of the article.

### Implementation Summary:

- RSS Feed Parsing: The `feedparser` library was used to fetch the RSS feed content. The function `feedparser.parse(rss\_url)` processes the RSS feed and returns entries (articles).
- Article URL Extraction: For each article in the RSS feed, its URL was extracted from the `link` field of the feed entry.
- Article Download and Parsing: For each article URL, the `newspaper3k` library downloaded and parsed the article content. The following fields were extracted:

- Title
- Author(s)
- Publish Date
- Main Content (Text)
- URL

- Error Handling: A try-except block was implemented to handle potential errors during article downloading and parsing, ensuring that the process does not break due to issues with specific articles.
- Testing: The function was tested using two RSS feeds:  
[The New York Times](#) HomePage RSS Feed  
[BBC News](#) RSS Feed

The function successfully retrieved and displayed relevant information for multiple articles from both RSS feeds.

### Key Functionality:

The function `parse_rss_feed(rss_url)` performs the following tasks:

1. Parses the RSS feed to get article URLs.
2. Downloads each article using `newspaper3k`.
3. Extracts and stores the article's title, author, publish date, and main content.
4. Prints the extracted information for each article.

### Sample Output:

For each article, the function produces an output similar to the following:

```
{  
  'title': 'Article Title',  
  'author': ['Author Name'],  
  'publish_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 7, 12, 30),  
  'content': 'Main content of the article...',  
  'url': 'https://example.com/article-url'  
}
```

### Testing Results:

The function successfully parsed multiple articles from the two provided RSS feeds, extracted the relevant information, and handled potential errors (e.g., failed downloads) without crashing.

### Conclusion:

This task demonstrated the ability to parse and extract relevant information from news articles using a combination of `feedparser` and `newspaper3k`. The function met all the outlined requirements and performed well during testing with different RSS feeds. It can be easily extended to handle a larger set of RSS feeds or modified to store extracted data in a database or a file for further analysis.

### **Input:**

#### **#1. Parsing RSS Feeds**

```
import feedparser

def parse_rss_feed(rss_url):
    feed = feedparser.parse(rss_url)
    urls = [entry.link for entry in feed.entries]
    return urls
```

#### **#2. Extracting Article Information using newspaper3k**

```
from newspaper import Article

def scrape_article(url):
    article = Article(url)
    article.download()
    article.parse()
    article_info = {
        'title': article.title,
        'author': article.authors,
        'publish_date': article.publish_date,
        'content': article.text
    }
    return article_info
```

#### **#3. Combining the Parsing and Scraping Functions**

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def scrape_rss_articles(rss_url):
    # Parse RSS feed and get article URLs
    article_urls = parse_rss_feed(rss_url)
    # Scrape each article and store information
    articles_info = []
    for url in article_urls:
        try:
            article_info = scrape_article(url)
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        articles_info.append(article_info)

    except Exception as e:

        print(f"Failed to scrape {url}: {e}")

    return articles_info

#4. Test with Multiple RSS Feeds

rss_feeds = [

    'https://rss.nytimes.com/services/xml/rss/nyt/World.xml',

    'https://feeds.bbc.co.uk/news/world/rss.xml',

]

for rss_feed in rss_feeds:

    articles = scrape_rss_articles(rss_feed)

    for article in articles:

        print(article)

```

#### **Output:**

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{'title': 'Nobel Peace Prize Is Awarded to Japanese Group of Atomic Bomb Survivors: Live Updates',
'author': ['Megan Specia', 'Lynsey Chutel', 'Steven Erlanger', 'John Yoon', 'Shashank Bengali', 'Aritz Parra', 'Derrick Bryson Taylor'], 'publish_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 11, 0, 0), 'content': 'Pinned\n\nThe 2024 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded on Friday to the Japanese organization Nihon Hidankyo, a grass-roots movement of atomic bomb survivors, “for its efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons.”\n\nNihon Hidankyo has for decades represented hundreds of thousands of survivors of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. These survivors, known as the hibakusha, are living memorials to the horror of the attacks and have used their testimony to raise awareness of the human consequences of nuclear warfare.\n\nThe Nobel — one of the world’s most prestigious honors — recognizes the group at a time when survivors of the attacks, which killed an estimated 200,000 people, are mostly in their 80s and are dying by the hundreds each month. And it comes as the world confronts increasing worries about Russia’s veiled threats that it could use its arsenal as the war in Ukraine continues and about the nuclear programs of Iran and North Korea.\n\n“The hibakusha help us to describe the indescribable, to think the unthinkable, and to somehow grasp the incomprehensible pain and suffering caused by nuclear weapons,” Jorgen Watne Frydnes, the chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, said during his announcement on Friday.\n\nMr. Frydnes added that “extraordinary efforts” by survivors of the U.S. nuclear bombings, including those who are part of Nihon Hidankyo, “have contributed greatly to the establishment of the nuclear taboo.” That, he said, had led to a world in which no weapons of that type had been used in war in 80 years.\n\nHe added that it was alarming to see that taboo fading in recent years.\n\nMr. Frydnes said that the Nobel committee, in honoring Nihon Hidankyo, wished “to honor all survivors

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who despite physical suffering and painful memories have chosen to use their painful experience to cultivate hope.”\n\nThe Peace Prize is arguably the most distinguished of the Nobels, and its recipients have often been celebrated global figures, such as Nelson Mandela, Malala Yousafzai, President Barack Obama and the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso.\n\nThe 2023 prize was awarded to Narges Mohammadi, an imprisoned Iranian human rights activist.\n\nThe prize, first awarded in 1901, has also been given to 30 organizations, including twice to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and three times to the International Committee of the Red Cross. The World Food Program, a U.N. agency, received the award in 2020.\n\nThis year, the Norwegian Nobel Committee, which administers the prize, registered 286 candidates, including 197 individuals and 89 organizations.\n\nApoorva Mandavilli contributed reporting.'}

{'title': 'A Woman Won South Korea’s First Literature Nobel. That Says a Lot.', 'author': ['Motoko Rich', 'Choe Sang-Hun'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 11, 0, 0), 'content': 'The awarding of the Nobel Prize in Literature to Han Kang on Thursday stands as yet another validation of the outsize soft power of the South Korean cultural juggernaut.\n\nMs. Han is both the first South Korean and the first Asian woman to win the Nobel, the world’s most prestigious literary prize, in its 123-year history. Her achievement follows Bong Joon Ho’s best-picture Oscar for “Parasite” in 2020, as well as the broad popular success of television shows like Netflix’s “Squid Game” and K-pop acts like BTS and Blackpink.\n\nThe win by Ms. Han, who is best known outside her home country for “The Vegetarian,” is fitting at a time when female novelists and poets from South Korea have flourished, particularly in translation, sending a wave of works into the hands of international readers.\n\nBut while her victory was widely celebrated as a crowning cultural achievement for South Korea, what Ms. Han and these female writers represent is a form of rebellion against South Korean culture, which remains deeply patriarchal and often misogynistic.'}

{'title': 'Rescuers Search for Survivors After Strikes Hit Central Beirut', 'author': ['Christina Goldbaum', 'Liam Stack', 'More About Christina Goldbaum', 'More About Liam Stack'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 11, 0, 0), 'content': 'Rescue workers on Friday searched for survivors after Israeli airstrikes rocked the heart of downtown Beirut overnight, killing at least 22 people and reducing one of the Lebanese capital’s central intersections to a smoldering ruin.\n\nLebanese officials said the strikes had also wounded more than 100 people.\n\nSonic booms from Israeli fighter jets shook buildings on Friday morning, sending panicked residents scrambling to their balconies to see if Beirut had been hit once more amid a weeklong campaign of Israeli bombardment against the militant group Hezbollah. Asked about the strikes, the Israeli military said it could not confirm them.\n\nLebanon’s state-run news agency reported that one of the strikes had targeted the central Basta neighborhood, which is close to several Western embassies. The area is also near the site of a strike in the city center that killed nine rescue workers last week.\n\nResidents who gathered at one of the damaged buildings, in the Nwarieh section of Basta, expressed shock that the largely Sunni neighborhood had been struck.'}

{'title': 'In Battered Lebanon, a Lone Gas Station Is a Lifeline in the East', 'author': ['Christina Goldbaum', 'Hwaida Saad', 'Diego Ibarra Sanchez'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 11, 0, 0), 'content': 'The gas station is nestled on the side of the road, a lone hive of liveliness in an otherwise deserted stretch of eastern Lebanon.\n\nBy 9 a.m., a steady stream of cars is already pulling up to its pump, and the station’s owner, Ali Jawad, waves them in one by one. They are neighbors, doctors, rescue workers, among the few people remaining in an area that has been hit with near-daily Israeli airstrikes. As he fills up their tanks, they share the latest news — the buildings destroyed, the friends injured, the neighbors killed.\n\nIn between pumping fuel, Mr. Jawad fields calls from people who have fled, asking if the road has been hit and if their homes have survived another night of strikes. The few drivers

passing by honk, and he waves as if to say: Yes, I'm still here, too.\n\n"I'm never leaving," Mr. Jawad, 56, said one recent morning. "It's my duty to stay, to help people here."}

{'title': 'Why Politicians Ignore Abuses in India's Sugar Industry: They Run It', 'author': ['Megha Rajagopalan', 'Qadri Inzamam'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 11, 0, 0), 'content': 'In the sweltering sugar fields of the western Indian state of Maharashtra, abusive practices such as debt bondage and child labor have long been an open secret. But in 2019, a state lawmaker named Neelam Gorhe documented a new level of brutality: Female workers were getting unnecessary hysterectomies at alarmingly high rates.\n\nShe presented her findings to the state's health minister and alerted the region's sugar regulator. She called on her government colleagues to ensure that workers received basic services including toilets, running water and a minimum wage — all in accordance with Indian law.\n\nYet most lawmakers apparently ignored the report, or read it and moved on. They launched no further investigation and passed no laws. The abuses, detailed in an investigation that ran in The New York Times, remain as widespread as ever, and young women continue to be coerced into unnecessary and potentially life-altering hysterectomies.\n\nThe reason, to many in Maharashtra, is obvious. Sugar is among the state's most important industries, one that sells to big brand buyers such as Coca-Cola and Pepsi, and is heavily controlled by the political elite.'}

{'title': 'Who Are the U.N. Peacekeepers at Lebanon's Border With Israel?', 'author': ['Eve Sampson'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 10, 0, 0), 'content': 'Two members of a United Nations peacekeeping mission operating along Lebanon's border with Israel were injured on Thursday after an Israeli tank fired on one of the group's observation towers, U.N. officials said.\n\nIt was the most serious incident involving the international force since Israel warned it to relocate from Lebanese positions near where it said Hezbollah fighters had launched rockets into northern Israel. The U.N. forces rejected the request to move, a spokesman said.\n\nThe U.N. has kept the peacekeeping force, known as UNIFIL, in southern Lebanon since 1978. Its mission is largely observational, though its mandate was expanded in 2006 at the end of the last war between Israel and Hezbollah, an armed group backed by Iran.\n\nOver the past year, the peacekeepers have found themselves increasingly in the middle of cross-border strikes. A day after its ally, Hamas, launched the Oct. 7 attacks on Israel, Hezbollah began firing rockets into Israel, and Israel returned fire. Last week, Israeli ground troops entered Lebanon to rout out the militants.'}

{'title': 'Rubble, and Defiance', 'author': ['David Guttenfelder'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 10, 0, 0), 'content': 'The Dahiya, a collection of neighborhoods on the southern outskirts of Beirut, Lebanon's capital, was in ruins, smoke still rising from the rubble of destroyed buildings.\n\nThe Israeli military has warned Lebanese civilians to evacuate many areas as it pursues its campaign to eliminate the leaders of the militant group and political party Hezbollah, who live among the general population. Dahiya has been a stronghold for the militant group.\n\nHezbollah began striking Israeli positions with rockets last October, a show of support for the Hamas-led Oct. 7 attacks on Israel from Gaza. Now, after almost a year of cross-border rocket fire and the assassination of the Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, Israeli and Hezbollah are fighting on the ground. Israel's military has been bombarding Hezbollah positions in southern Lebanon, including in the Dahiya, and said this week that it had sent more troops to Lebanon to join the fight against Hezbollah.\n\nLast week, Hezbollah gave news organizations including The New York Times a tour of three buildings in the Dahiya area that were hit in recent airstrikes. Hezbollah members were not near reporters as they interviewed residents and had no say over what would be published.\n\nThe journalists, wearing blue body armor and helmets marked "Press," were escorted through the streets, passing downed power lines and rubble.\n\nOur first stop was at the vast heap of concrete and twisted rebar shown above. Two days earlier, Israeli bombs had brought down a whole building there.\n\nIt

was a residential apartment block, though it was also home to Al-Sirat TV, a Lebanese religious and cultural network that has a pro-Hezbollah slant. Residents said the building had been mostly evacuated, but there were concerns that there might be bodies buried in the rubble, and rescuers cannot bring in excavation equipment to begin searching while the Israeli bombardment persists.\n\nOn one yellow sign was a defiant message.\n\n“No banner of ours will fall,” it said.’}

{'title': 'Ukraine’s Parliament Approves Biggest Tax Increase of War to Support the Army', 'author': ['Constant Méheut'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 10, 0, 0), 'content': 'The Ukrainian Parliament voted on Thursday to approve its biggest tax hike since Russia’s full-scale invasion began more than two years ago, resorting to a politically unpopular move to raise funds for its grueling war effort.\n\nThe bill increases a tax on personal income that raises money for military expenditures, raising the rate to 5 percent, from 1.5 percent. It also retroactively doubles taxes on bank profits, to 50 percent for this year, and raises taxes on the profits of other financial institutions to 25 percent, from 18 percent, among other provisions.\n\nThe tax increase approved on Thursday will help to fund a \$12 billion military spending increase for this year. Yaroslav Zhelezniak, deputy chairman of the parliamentary committee on finance, tax and customs policy, called it a “historic tax increase.”\n\nThe move is likely to hit hard in Ukraine, where people have already seen their economic well-being plummet because of the war. But the authorities argue that they have no choice if Ukraine is to sustain its fight against Russia, which has ramped up its own military expenditures. President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine is expected to ratify the bill in the coming days.’}

{'title': 'She Didn’t See Other Black Hikers. She Decided to Change That.', 'author': ['Megan Specia'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 10, 0, 0), 'content': 'The women made their way up the narrow stone steps in a winding line, the rolling green fields of the English countryside stretching out across the valley below. The steep climb, which had begun in the early morning, brought them high above an elevated rail line, its imposing Victorian arches rising in the distance.\n\nBut the 15 women had their sights set on the mist-covered peak above, one of three summits they would tackle that summer day as part of a hiking challenge in the Yorkshire Dales, a national park in northern England.\n\nNear the back of the line, Rhiane Fatinikun called out encouragement as the group trudged upward. She was the reason these women had come together to take on this demanding trek.’}

{'title': 'Faced With Regional Setbacks, India Flexes Its New Economic Muscle', 'author': ['Mujib Mashal'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 10, 0, 0), 'content': 'As political turmoil churns India’s immediate neighborhood, Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government has been using a relatively new asset to compete with China for influence: the financial wherewithal that comes with a fast-growing economy.\n\nWhen Sri Lanka suffered economic catastrophe in 2022, India stepped in with over \$4 billion in aid. In tiny neighboring Bhutan, which has boundary disputes with China, Mr. Modi this year doubled India’s assistance, to \$1 billion over five years. In Bangladesh, he provided billions for infrastructure projects to back that country’s autocratic leader, who promoted India’s interests until she was ousted in August.\n\nThe latest beneficiary is the Maldives. Its new president, Mohamed Muizzu, campaigned last year on an “India Out” platform, demanding that Mr. Modi withdraw a small military contingent from the archipelago nation. But that seemed forgotten on Monday, when Mr. Muizzu arrived in New Delhi for a state dinner, a photo opportunity at the Taj Mahal with his wife, and over \$750 million in Indian aid, in the form of currency swaps, to bail his government out of extreme fiscal stress.’}

{'title': 'Hungary’s Orban Gets a Hostile Reception at European Parliament', 'author': ['Jenny Gross'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'Prime Minister Viktor Orban of Hungary, a hard-line champion of “illiberal democracy,” has for years taken swipes at the European

Union and its officials.\n\nOn Wednesday, some in the European Parliament fired back — in song. After Mr. Orban finished his speech at the assembly in Strasbourg, France, progressive members started singing “Bella Ciao,” an Italian antifascist resistance song from the World War II-era.\n\nTheir singing, which lasted for less than a minute, was shut down by the president of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, as conservative members more politically in tune with Mr. Orban chanted slogans supporting him.\n\n“This is not the Eurovision,” Ms. Metsola told the chamber, referring to the annual song contest. “Let’s respect the dignity of this house.”}

{'title': 'Who Will Lead Britain’s Conservatives? The Finalists Are a Surprise.', 'author': ['Mark Landler', 'Stephen Castle'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'The race to lead Britain’s vanquished Conservative Party took a dramatic turn on Wednesday when it narrowed to a clash between two right-wing candidates, a twist that provoked audible gasps of surprise when the result was announced.\n\nAfter four knockout rounds of voting, the party’s lawmakers left two finalists standing: Kemi Badenoch, a favorite of the right who has said the party needs to fight against “nasty identity politics,” and Robert Jenrick, a rival hard-liner who has promised to slash annual immigration numbers.\n\nThe choice of two candidates from the right was unexpected, defying the pattern set by the previous round of voting. It set off a whirlwind of theories about how Tory lawmakers, renowned for their Machiavellian instincts, managed to produce an outcome that almost none of them had predicted.\n\nJames Cleverly, a centrist former minister who was buoyed by a well-received performance at the party’s recent conference, had surged to the front of the field in Tuesday’s voting. But Mr. Cleverly, whose pitch to his party was that it should be “more normal,” was unexpectedly eliminated on Wednesday.'}

{'title': 'Prestigious U.S.-Ireland Scholarship Paused Amid Funding Woes', 'author': ['Megan Specia'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'Last month, 12 American students flew across the Atlantic to begin the prestigious George J. Mitchell scholarship program in Ireland and Northern Ireland. They are living in cities and towns including Cork, Belfast and Dublin, studying subjects like biotechnology, history and engineering.\n\nBut they could be the last cohort in the program, as organizers announced earlier this year that they had paused selection for coming years because of funding difficulties.\n\nThe program sent its first students to the island in 2000, in the wake of the Good Friday Agreement, which forged peace after decades of sectarian violence in Northern Ireland known as the Troubles. Named for then-Senator George J. Mitchell, who led the talks, it has brought nearly 300 students to Ireland since its inception. The scholarship covers the full cost of tuition for a year, accommodation and a stipend for living expenses and travel.\n\nOrganizers said the difficulty in securing long-term funding for the program raised questions about the changing relationship between the United States and Ireland, although the countries still benefit from close ties, particularly when compared to other small European countries. The scholarship program has an overall budget of around \$1 million, according to its latest annual report.'}

{'title': 'Israel Orders Gazans to Leave the North, but Most Are Staying Put', 'author': ['Raja Abdulrahim', 'Rawan Sheikh Ahmad'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 11, 0, 0), 'content': 'For more than a year, as Israeli bombs pounded northern Gaza around Mariam Awwad’s home, she and her family of 11 have refused to leave.\n\nTheir resolve did not change even after the Israeli military dropped leaflets over the town of Jabaliya on Sunday, ordering Palestinians in northern Gaza to evacuate to the south. The military was renewing an offensive on the north, saying it was going after Hamas fighters.\n\n“We refuse to flee only to die in humiliation,” Ms. Awwad, 23, an advertising copywriter who lives with her parents, siblings, nieces and nephews, said Thursday in an interview. “Death is death, whether we die here or elsewhere. So let’s die with dignity in our home.”\n\nRoughly 400,000 people remain in Gaza’s north, according to the United Nations, and most appear to either be



taking a defiant stance similar to Ms. Awwad's, or do not have the means to flee. Others may be fearful of being permanently displaced from their homes, even as the United Nations and aid groups are sounding the alarm over a worsening humanitarian situation, including the closure of hospitals.')

{'title': 'What Is Nihon Hidankyo, the Japanese Group Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?', 'author': ['Megan Specia', 'Lynsey Chutel', 'More About Megan Specia', 'More About Lynsey Chutel'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 11, 0, 0), 'content': 'Some 200,000 people were killed when U.S. forces dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the summer of 1945, leveling large swaths of both Japanese cities. But many more survived, some with life-changing injuries, others bearing the terrible emotional scars of the devastation and death they had witnessed.\n\nThose survivors became known as “hibakusha,” which translates as “bomb-affected people.”\n\nJapan recognized about 650,000 survivors in the wake of the war, but as the decades pass, the number still living has dwindled, and many of those who remain are now in their 80s. About 114,000 are still alive, according to Nihon Hidankyo, the grass-roots organization that received the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday.\n\nMany of the survivors have dedicated their lives to recounting their stories of loss and excruciating physical and emotional injury. Their powerful testimony has contributed to a broader understanding of the profound devastation of nuclear war. This year, The New York Times’s Opinion section wrote about the survivors.\n\nNihon Hidankyo, established 11 years after the end of World War II, began as an organization representing the survivors of the atomic bomb who continued to suffer not only the physical effects of radiation but also the social stigma associated with the war.'}

{'title': 'Ukrainian Journalist Has Died in Russian Captivity, Ukraine Says', 'author': ['Constant Méheut', 'More About Constant Méheut'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 11, 0, 0), 'content': 'Viktoria Roshchina, a Ukrainian journalist who went missing in August 2023 while reporting from territories occupied by Moscow’s forces, has died in Russian custody, Ukrainian officials said.\n\nMs. Roshchina, 27, had reported at great risk from areas in southern Ukraine and had reportedly traveled to eastern Ukraine to document the Russian occupation there.\n\nDmytro Lubinets, Ukraine’s human rights ombudsman, said on Thursday that he had received official documentation from Russia confirming that Ms. Roshchina had died in captivity, adding that the exact circumstances surrounding her death remain unclear.\n\nThe Russian authorities have not commented on the reports.\n\nThe news of her death outraged the international journalism community, with several organizations calling on the Russian authorities to promptly investigate what happened.'}

{'title': 'Middle East Conflict Creates a Volatile Moment for Oil Markets', 'author': ['Stanley Reed'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 11, 0, 0), 'content': 'The spiraling conflict between Israel and Iran has sent shock waves through the oil market, increasing prices as investors grapple with potential disruptions to the global oil supply.\n\nOil prices have jumped since Iran fired about 200 ballistic missiles at Israel last week. Brent crude, the international benchmark, surpassed \$81 a barrel in the days afterward, a gain of about 15 percent. It traded around \$79 a barrel on Friday.\n\nDespite the growing apprehension among traders, prices are lower than they were as recently as July — and unusually subdued for a time of such geopolitical tension. “In a normal world, this would have gone skyrocketing,” Fatih Birol, the executive director of the International Energy Agency, said during a webinar on Wednesday.\n\nInstead, prices are being weighed down by factors like slowing demand in China, increased production in the United States and other countries, and the expectation that the OPEC Plus cartel could soon put more oil on the market.'}

{'title': 'How We Investigated Political Ties to Abuse in India, and What We Found', 'author': ['Megha Rajagopalan'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 11, 0, 0), 'content': 'When my colleagues and I began investigating labor abuses among sugar cane cutters in the western Indian state of Maharashtra, we were startled by how open it all was.\n\nDebt bondage, child labor and coerced

hysterectomies happened in plain sight. We traveled from village to village in the arid, impoverished region of Beed. Every worker we talked to had either witnessed or suffered from abuses.\n\nBut for decades, little had been done. Big Western brands such as Coca-Cola knew that workers were being exploited, yet continued to buy sugar from the region. A sugar industry group even gave a mill its seal of approval despite easily identified links to abuses.\n\nWorkers told us that they felt abandoned by their government, left to fend for themselves as they struggled to feed their families. Women showed us their hysterectomy scars and told us that they had gotten the surgery because they could not miss work for routine gynecological care.'}

{'title': 'What Flying in a Wind Tunnel Reveals About Birds', 'author': ['Emily Anthes', 'Ian Willms', 'Photographs'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 11, 0, 0), 'content': 'It happens every fall: The days grow colder, the nights grow longer, the birds grow restless and then they take flight. In North America alone, billions of birds fly south for the winter, sometimes in enormous undulating flocks. It is one of nature’s great spectacles as well as an athletic feat: Some birds regularly migrate thousands of miles or stay aloft for days at a time.\n\nAnd yet, for a large-scale, annual event, migration remains surprisingly mysterious. Scientists are still seeking answers to basic questions about the costs and benefits of these avian journeys and what it takes to survive them.\n\n“How do you get a bird like a godwit that can fly over the entire Pacific Ocean?” said Christopher Guglielmo, a biologist at Western University in Ontario who studies the physiology of bird flight. “How do they have enough energy?”\n\nAnd, perhaps more to the point of his own research, he added, “How do you study what’s going on inside a bird?”’}

{'title': '“Relentless” Israeli Attacks on Gaza Medical Workers Are War Crime, U.N. Panel Says', 'author': ['Farnaz Fassihi'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 10, 0, 0), 'content': 'United Nations investigators on Thursday accused Israel of engaging in “relentless and deliberate attacks” on health care facilities, medical workers and wounded civilians in the Gaza Strip and said the actions amounted to war crimes and extermination, a crime against humanity.\n\nA U.N. report said the Israelis had imposed “collective punishment” on Palestinians in retaliation for the Oct. 7 attacks Hamas militants led on Israel a year ago from Gaza. The Israeli siege that followed, it said, has prevented hospitals from receiving food, fuel, water and medical supplies, and has also limited the number of patients allowed to leave Gaza for treatment.\n\n“Israel must immediately stop its unprecedented wanton destruction of health care facilities in Gaza,” Navi Pillay, head of the commission that conducted the report, said in a statement.'}

{'title': 'Friday Briefing: Florida Hurricane Kills at Least 7', 'author': ['Gaya Gupta'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 10, 0, 0), 'content': 'Florida hurricane killed at least 7\n\nSearch-and-rescue efforts were underway in Florida yesterday after Hurricane Milton spawned powerful tornadoes and low-lying coastal neighborhoods were swallowed by flooding.\n\nOfficials say at least five people were killed in tornadoes and two others died when trees fell on their homes. The death toll is expected to rise. More than three million customers were without power. Here’s the latest.\n\nMilton largely spared the Tampa Bay region from the high storm surge that local officials had feared, Patricia Mazzei, who was reporting from the area, told us.'}

{'title': 'Airstrikes in Beirut Kill at Least 22 and Injure Over 100, Lebanon Says', 'author': ['Euan Ward', 'Ephrat Livni', 'Aric Toler', 'More About Euan Ward', 'More About Ephrat Livni', 'More About Aric Toler'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 10, 0, 0), 'content': 'Israeli airstrikes in a densely populated area of central Beirut on Thursday killed at least 22 people and wounded at least 117 others, Lebanese officials said, in what appeared to be the deadliest attack in the Lebanese capital in more than a year of fighting between Israel and Hezbollah.\n\nThe strikes hit an area of Beirut where displaced residents had been sheltering after weeks of intense Israeli bombardments near the city. The

Israeli military did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the strikes. But it has been systematically targeting Hezbollah leaders and the group's infrastructure.\n\nHezbollah began launching rockets on northern Israel last year in solidarity with its ally Hamas in Gaza after Hamas led the Oct. 7 attack on Israel. Both militant groups are backed by Iran.\n\nIsrael and Hezbollah have since exchanged a barrage of strikes, displacing tens of thousands of people on either side of the border over the past year. More than 60,000 people in northern Israel have been displaced, and as the conflict has escalated, nearly one million people in Lebanon have fled their homes in recent weeks. Israeli and Hezbollah ground forces have also engaged in fierce battles after the Israeli military launched a ground invasion last month.'}

{'title': 'The Forecast: 832 Degrees in Brazil? Weather App Glitch Sends Extreme Weather to New Heights', 'author': ['Sara Ruberg', 'More About Sara Ruberg'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 10, 0, 0), 'content': 'The forecasts called for 13,000-mile-per-hour winds in Chicago, 832-degree temperatures in Brazil, and slightly higher ones in Kenya.\n\nBut those predictions, thankfully, were erroneous. They were the result of a glitch on the BBC Weather app that warned Thursday of disaster around the world.\n\nThe BBC apologized for the mistake, and the forecasts were partially fixed by Thursday evening.\n\nThe wildly inaccurate predictions were displayed on the BBC's website and weather app because of incorrect forecast data from a third-party company, DTN, the British public broadcaster said.\n\nThe issue was with "some of the weather data from our forecast provider, which is generating incorrect numbers and text on our BBC Weather app and website," the BBC said in a statement.'}

{'title': 'Israel's Security Cabinet Met to Discuss Response to Iran Attack', 'author': ['Aaron Boxerman', 'More About Aaron Boxerman'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 10, 0, 0), 'content': 'Israel's security cabinet convened on Thursday to discuss Israel's response to an Iranian barrage of some 200 ballistic missiles that sent nearly the entire country into reinforced shelters last week, officials said.\n\nSenior ministers, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, discussed the overall plan for Israel's retaliation, said two officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the discussions.\n\nThe cabinet was expected to authorize Mr. Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant, the defense minister, to initiate the response at their discretion, the officials said. The results of the meeting were not released.\n\nMr. Gallant posted a video on Wednesday saying that Israel's attack against Iran would be "deadly, precise and, above all, surprising." He added: "They will not understand what happened and how it happened. They will see the results."}

{'title': 'Airstrikes in Beirut Kill at Least 22 and Level a Building, Lebanese Officials Say', 'author': ['Euan Ward', 'Liam Stack', 'Aric Toler', 'Michael Levenson'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 10, 0, 0), 'content': 'Israeli airstrikes hit two buildings in a densely populated area of central Beirut on Thursday, Lebanon said, in what appeared to be the deadliest attack in the Lebanese capital in more than a year of fighting between Israel and Hezbollah.\n\nThe strikes killed at least 22 people and wounded at least 117 others, Lebanese officials said.\n\nLebanon's state-run news agency reported that one of the strikes had targeted an eight-story building in the Ras el-Nabaa neighborhood, while the other had leveled a four-story building in the Basta neighborhood. Videos verified by The New York Times showed that the building in Basta had been destroyed and adjacent buildings had been damaged. Two plumes of thick, acrid smoke could be seen rising above the city skyline.\n\nThe Israeli military did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the strikes. But it has been systematically targeting Hezbollah leaders and sites in a heavy bombing campaign in areas in and around Beirut and in a ground invasion in southern Lebanon.\n\nThe strikes came hours after United Nations officials said that Israeli forces had fired on U.N. peacekeepers in southern Lebanon, wounding

two and touching off international criticism of the Israeli military's offensive against Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed militant group.'}

{'title': 'While N.B.A. Plays in Abu Dhabi, Critics Cry 'Sportswashing'', 'author': ['Tania Ganguli', 'Hilary Swift'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 10, 0, 0), 'content': 'Jaylen Brown, the Boston Celtics star, grabbed the microphone, ready to delight the crowd 6,600 miles from home.\n\n"Assalaam alaikum, Abu Dhabi!" he said energetically, offering a common greeting in the region.\n\nThe crowd cheered. Brown, who grew up in Georgia, introduced himself and thanked the crowd in Arabic to more cheers.\n\n"I've been working on my Arabic," he said later.\n\nIt was a festive beginning on Friday to the N.B.A.'s third annual trip to Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, for preseason games. This time the league sent its past two champions, the Celtics and the Denver Nuggets, along with the championship trophy and several former N.B.A. players, including the Celtics great Kevin Garnett.'}

{'title': '18-Year-Old Sherpa Becomes Youngest Climber to Summit 14 Highest Mountains', 'author': ['Yan Zhuang'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 10, 0, 0), 'content': 'Last fall, Nima Rinji Sherpa, then 17, was in Tibet preparing to ascend Mount Shishapangma, the world's 14th highest mountain. He knew reaching its 26,335-foot, or 8,027-meter, summit would require entering the so-called death zone where organs begin to shut down, minute by minute.\n\nBut tragedy struck before he could begin his climb.\n\nAvalanches on the mountain killed two climbers who were each vying to be the first American woman to summit the world's 14 highest mountains, and the two Sherpas guiding them. Among the dead was Tenjen Lama Sherpa, a decorated mountain guide whom Mr. Sherpa considered a mentor and friend. So he set aside his own record attempt and joined the rescue effort to help other stranded climbers off the mountain.\n\n"We're still in shock," Mr. Sherpa, soft-spoken and thoughtful, said in a September Zoom interview from his home in Kathmandu. "He was the strongest guy I knew."\n\nMr. Sherpa, 18, recently returned to Mount Shishapangma carrying the memory of his mentor. On Wednesday, he reached the summit and became the youngest person to scale the "8,000ers," the 14 mountains over 8,000 meters tall.'}

{'title': 'Here's What a Shocking New Number on Wildlife Declines Really Means', 'author': ['Catrin Einhorn'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'Wildlife populations around the world continue dropping precipitously, according to an important but limited and often misinterpreted assessment that's issued every two years.\n\nThe declines reported by the Living Planet Index, a collaboration between two large conservation organizations, have been so steep as to feel disorienting. This year is no exception: A reduction of 73 percent in the average size of monitored wildlife populations in a mere 50 years, from 1970 to 2020. The previous figure was similar, a 69 percent decline through 2018.\n\nBut the findings do not mean that wildlife in general has dropped by that much.\n\nThis year's index was based on evidence from 34,836 local populations of 5,495 species, all of them vertebrates: mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles. Changes in tiny populations can have outsized effects on the global count because they are averaged together with much larger ones. But beyond that, the data is too varied and inconsistent to make confident estimates, some researchers say.\n\nThese limitations mean the index's figures should not be used as an overall measure of biodiversity loss, said Walter Jetz, a professor of ecology at Yale who studies changes in global biodiversity and is not affiliated with the effort. Still, he said, the underlying database provides a valuable contribution, especially in identifying populations in need of further attention. And the bigger problem it points to is very real.'}

{'title': 'Thursday Briefing: Florida Braces for Hurricane Milton', 'author': ['Gaya Gupta'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'Hurricane Milton's edge reached the Florida coast\n\nThe center of Hurricane Milton, one of the most powerful storms to hit the Gulf of Mexico,

is expected to make landfall on the Florida coast in the coming hours. The Category 3 hurricane is expected to strike south of Tampa, in the Sarasota area.\n\nBut already, large parts of the state were taking a pounding, with tornado warnings across Florida. Here's the latest.\n\nTampa residents rushed to flee yesterday as officials warned that time was running out to evacuate. Residents carrying sleeping bags, backpacks and beloved pets made last-minute dashes to dozens of emergency shelters around the state. This is what it looks like on the ground.}

{'title': 'Nearly a Million Civilians Flee War in Lebanon, U.N. Says', 'author': ['Aaron Boxerman', 'Aryn Baker', 'Ben Hubbard', 'Alan Yuhas'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'Hezbollah militants fired rockets at Israeli towns and fought ground battles with Israeli troops in southern Lebanon on Wednesday, as the United Nations warned that nearly a million Lebanese had fled the spreading war between Israel and Iranian-backed groups in the Middle East.\n\nIn a sign of the war's growing scale, Israeli evacuation orders now cover a quarter of Lebanon's land area, according to the United Nations, which says the calls have sent people fleeing from more than a hundred villages and urban areas.\n\n“To the people of South Lebanon: Be careful!” an Israeli military spokesman, Avichay Adraee, said on Wednesday in an Arabic language warning posted online. Israeli forces, he said, were continuing “to attack Hezbollah sites in and near your village, and for your own safety you are prohibited from returning to your homes until further notice.”’}

{'title': 'In an Era of Mistrust and Upheaval, Democracy Seeks a Path Forward', 'author': ['Roger Cohen'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'The Athens Democracy Forum this year contemplated the meaning of “A Moment of Truth.” It was an intriguing theme. In one sense this is clearly not such a moment, for misrepresentations, deepfakes and outright lies abound. The term “fake news” has entered the global lexicon.\n\nBut of course “moment of truth” is a metaphor for a turning point, or a time of critical decisions, roughly what the ancient Greeks called kairós and is being referred to now as an “inflection point.” Much of humanity, it seems, feels the world is building toward some overarching crisis, induced by war, or the rapid advance of A.I., or climate change, or the isolating impact of technology, or the unbearable acceleration of life, or some combination of them all.\n\nThis is a time of disquiet, even anguish. For many, the planet seems lonelier and more menacing.\n\nOf course, as human beings, we tend to exaggerate the uniqueness of our times. Many previous generations have believed they faced “a moment of truth” or even the moment of truth. Sometimes they failed the challenge and calamity ensued.\n\nBut even after catastrophe, the night sky, the light from distant stars and the vast universe were still there; and so were the awe, the uplift, the quest for universal understanding and the sense of humility they summon from the human spirit.’}

{'title': 'Man Charged in South Africa Mass Shooting That Left 18 Dead', 'author': ['Lynsey Chutel', 'More About Lynsey Chutel'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'Weeks after the mass shooting of 18 members of one family in South Africa left a town reeling, prosecutors charged one man with the murders on Wednesday.\n\nThe shooting, which took place on Sept. 28 in a rural village in the Eastern Cape Province, brought to the fore an increasing number of mass shootings in South Africa. The country has for years recorded high rates of violent crime, but in recent years, gunmen have started targeting taverns, family gatherings and even a birthday party, in assassination-style hits.\n\nPolice officers arrested Siphosoxolo Myekethe, 45, at his home on Monday, eight miles from the village still stunned by the shooting. He appeared briefly in a court in Eastern Cape Province on Wednesday and was charged with 18 counts of murder. Mr. Myekethe, who is being represented by a legal aid attorney, has not entered a plea. Prosecutors said that he had previous convictions for murder and escaping legal custody, and at the time of his arrest was on parole.\n\nHe will again appear in court next Tuesday for a bail hearing. Prosecutors say they plan to oppose bail.’}

{'title': 'Conditions in Gaza Worsen Amid Israeli Strikes', 'author': ['Ephrat Livni'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'Israeli military activity in the Gaza Strip appeared to intensify- this week, prompting alarm from United Nations officials about the worsening humanitarian situation in the enclave and the danger to civilians.\n\nThe United Nations agency for children, UNICEF, said that an airstrike on Thursday had hit a school in central Gaza, killing women and children who were lined up for malnutrition treatment.\n\n“This attack serves as yet another stark reminder of the immense toll being inflicted on children and mothers in Gaza,” Adele Khodr, UNICEF’s director for the Middle East and North Africa, said on social media. She added that two health workers from a partner agency had also been killed.\n\nThe Israeli military said in a statement on Thursday that its troops and Air Force had conducted “a precise strike” on militants operating a command center embedded in a former school compound that had been used to plan terrorist attacks against Israel. It said that “numerous steps were taken to mitigate the risk to civilians.”’}

{'title': 'Biden and Netanyahu Speak for the First Time in Months as Mideast Crisis Deepens', 'author': ['David E. Sanger', 'Eric Schmitt'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'For the first time in two months, President Biden and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke on Wednesday in a phone conversation that focused on Israel’s plans to retaliate against Iran for a missile attack.\n\nWhen the meeting ended, American officials said nothing about Israel’s plans, or whether Mr. Netanyahu indicated he would heed Mr. Biden’s warnings not to hit nuclear or energy sites, which the White House fears could lead to an escalating cycle of Iranian missile strikes and Israeli responses.\n\nInstead, a terse account of the conversation issued by the White House hours later said Mr. Biden “condemned unequivocally Iran’s ballistic missile attack against Israel on Oct. 1,” but made no reference to discussions on how to respond — which was the purpose of the call.\n\nLooming over the conversation was the reality that, for all the declarations of unified purpose, the past few months have been burdened by the weight of the worst relationship between the United States and Israel in years.’}

{'title': 'Biden and Netanyahu Speak for First Time Since August', 'author': ['Aaron Boxerman', 'More About Aaron Boxerman'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel spoke with President Biden by phone on Wednesday for the first time since August, their offices said. Ties between the two leaders have soured as they have clashed repeatedly over Israel’s conduct in Gaza.\n\nDetails of the call, which Vice President Kamala Harris also joined, were not immediately available. It came after Mr. Netanyahu’s defense minister, Yoav Gallant, delayed a trip to the United States that was set to start Wednesday, saying that Mr. Netanyahu had asked him to put off the trip until the prime minister could speak to Mr. Biden.\n\nMr. Gallant had been expected to fly out on Tuesday night for meetings with Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III and other senior U.S. officials to discuss Israel’s retaliation for the recent Iranian ballistic missile attack, among other matters.\n\nIn an indication of the strained ties, Mr. Biden called Israel’s president, Isaac Herzog, rather than Mr. Netanyahu, to commemorate the anniversary of the Hamas-led Oct. 7 attacks that started the war.’}

{'title': 'A Filmmaker Explores Climate and Democracy', 'author': ['Shivani Vora'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'The Athens Democracy Forum last week featured an array of speakers from countries worldwide: politicians, leaders of nonprofits, youths dedicated to promoting democracy. Michael P. Nash was the only filmmaker to speak.\n\nMr. Nash, who resides in Nashville and Los Angeles, is behind more than a dozen documentaries and psychological thrillers. His most well-known work is “Climate Refugees,” a documentary that debuted at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival and portrays the stories of people from 48 countries who were affected by climate change.\n\nMr. Nash’s other notable films include “Fuel” (2017), which focuses on alternative energy,

and “Saving the Roar” (2021), an inspirational sports documentary about Penn State University’s football culture.\n\nMr. Nash is directing and producing “Chasing Truth,” a documentary examining whether artificial intelligence can solve environmental issues such as climate change and food security. The film is a collaboration with the actor Leonardo DiCaprio and his father, George DiCaprio, who are executive producers. It is expected to be released in 2026.’}

{'title': 'Turkish Airlines Flight Makes Emergency Landing After Pilot Dies', 'author': ['Victor Mather', 'More About Victor Mather'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'A Turkish Airlines flight traveling from Seattle to Istanbul made an emergency landing at Kennedy International Airport in New York early Wednesday morning after the pilot died, the airline and federal aviation authorities said.\n\nThe plane, an Airbus A350, took off at 7:02 p.m. Pacific time on Tuesday, according to Flight Aware data. The pilot, Ilcehin Pehlivan, lost consciousness during the flight, the airline said, and after unsuccessful attempts to revive him, a decision was made to land at J.F.K. after about eight hours in the air. The plane, Flight 204, was over Baffin Island in northern Canada when it took a sharp right turn and headed for New York. It landed there at 5:57 a.m. Eastern.\n\nMr. Pehlivan, 59, died before landing, the airline said, without specifying a cause. The airline said that he had had regular health examinations, including one in March of this year, and that no problems were found.’}

{'title': 'A Gaza Family Separated by a Few Miles, and the War', 'author': ['Vivian Yee', 'Bilal Shbair'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'The new baby was supposed to come in early October, when things were still normal. Najia Malaka and her husband, Hammam, had been counting the days. But when the war came to Gaza, they said, they were still waiting.\n\nAs Israeli bombs thundered down on Gaza City, Israel’s military ordered everyone in the north to evacuate. The Malakas made a decision. He packed up their two older children to go south. She stayed back with their two toddlers to give birth.\n\nShe went into labor that day, Oct. 13. But he had already left. They have not seen each other, barring a few early visits, ever since.\n\nThe war has shredded many families since Israel attacked the Gaza Strip in retaliation for the Oct. 7 Hamas-led assault on Israel. Fighting and bombing have killed tens of thousands. Many of Gaza’s roughly two million people have had to flee again and again, scattering families across the strip. Just moving around the tiny territory involves great risk, sometimes death.’}

{'title': 'Lily Ebert, Holocaust Survivor, Author and TikTok Star, Dies at 100', 'author': ['Emmett Lindner'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'In July 1944, when Lily Ebert was 20 years old, she and most of her family were packed onto a train and sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp, where on arrival she watched as her mother and two of her siblings were led to a gas chamber. She would never see them again.\n\nThat Yom Kippur, as she, her two sisters and others were squeezed together, praying in the barracks, Ms. Ebert promised herself that her mother and younger siblings would not have died for nothing. If she survived, she would tell the world what had happened to them, and to those who had no one to tell their stories.\n\nMs. Ebert did survive, and she spent the rest of her life fulfilling that vow. She spoke publicly about her experiences, wrote a memoir, “Lily’s Promise,” which became a New York Times best seller, and educated millions of young followers about the horrors of the Holocaust on TikTok, through an account she shared with her great-grandson Dov Forman.’}

{'title': 'Flooding Ravages Thai District Known for Elephant Parks', 'author': ['Muktita Suhartono'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'Apple stuck her trunk out of the swollen river like a snorkel, paddling desperately to stay afloat. But the two ton, 15-year-old elephant was no match for the flooding that inundated Chiang Mai, Thailand’s second-largest city, last week. By the time a team of rescuers saw her, she had been swept more than a mile downriver.\n\n“It was heartbreaking to see an animal so strong struggling to stay afloat,” said Pasit Insamran, one of the

rescuers, describing the incident Friday. “We kept shouting at her, hoping she would follow the sound and have the strength to swim closer to the shore so we could rescue her.”\n\nApple was a resident of the Elephant Nature Park, a sanctuary that is a hot spot for tourists. Flash floods quickly submerged the park. Mahouts, or elephant handlers, like Mr. Pasit, from other camps gathered and rushed to the scene by boats. They were able to rescue Apple, but two elephants from the sanctuary died.\n\nMonsoon rains often cause havoc in Thailand, but the flooding has been particularly intense this year, driven by climate change and the La Niña weather pattern. The overflowing Ping River overwhelmed Chiang Mai and caused the deaths of two people, the authorities said. Officials are now warning of potential hazards in central Thailand, including parts of Bangkok near the Chao Phraya River.'}

{'title': 'Meeting of Western Leaders on Ukraine Is Postponed, a Setback for Kyiv', 'author': ['Steven Erlanger', 'Constant Méheut', 'Zolan Kanno-Youngs'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'A meeting of Western leaders who support Ukraine’s war effort against Russia has been postponed after President Biden canceled his participation to deal with the impact of Hurricane Milton.\n\nThe delay is a setback for President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine, who had hoped to use the gathering to rally Western allies around his so-called victory plan, a strategy aimed at strengthening Ukraine’s position on the battlefield enough to force Russia to the negotiating table.\n\nThe meeting of what is formally known as the Ukraine Defense Contact Group was originally planned for Saturday at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. It was intended to give Ukraine high-level encouragement and further support, and also demonstrate Mr. Biden’s strong backing for Ukraine and its Western aspirations a month before Americans choose his successor.\n\nThe gathering, which draws more than 50 countries, was viewed as particularly important because it was the first featuring heads of state and government. But the White House said on Tuesday that Mr. Biden would remain in the United States because of the powerful hurricane that was hurtling toward Florida and expected to make landfall Wednesday night.'}

{'title': 'Iranian Official Heads to Saudi Arabia as Israel Postpones U.S. Meeting', 'author': ['Ben Hubbard'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'As the Middle East remains on edge in anticipation of a possible retaliatory attack by Israel on Iran, the Iranian foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, arrived in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday as part of a diplomatic tour aimed at shoring up relations with Iran’s Arab neighbors.\n\nIn Riyadh, the Saudi capital, Mr. Araghchi met with the Saudi foreign minister, Faisal bin Farhan, and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.\n\n“I hope that these consultations can lead to better conditions for Palestine and Lebanon and establish peace in the region,” Mr. Araghchi told Iranian state television upon his arrival.\n\nAnother important diplomatic meeting that had been set for Wednesday will not happen: Israel’s defense minister, Yoav Gallant, delayed a trip to Washington to discuss the situation in the Middle East with U.S. officials. Mr. Gallant said that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asked him to postpone the trip until after he had spoken to President Biden. The two leaders spoke on Wednesday.'}

{'title': 'Trump Family Business Eyes Hotel Deals in Israel', 'author': ['Debra Kamin', 'Steve Eder', 'Ben Protess'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'In the heart of Jerusalem, a short walk from the Israeli Supreme Court and prime minister’s office, Donald J. Trump’s family business spotted a moneymaking opportunity.\n\nThe Trump Organization pursued a deal last year to open a luxury hotel on a former site of Israel’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, according to people involved in the previously unreported talks, as well as documents reviewed by The New York Times.\n\nThe property’s proximity to the nexus of governmental power evoked Mr. Trump’s erstwhile hotel near the White House, abuzz with dignitaries and supporters during his presidency.\n\nMr. Trump’s company also considered turning a rising skyscraper in Tel Aviv into another Trump-branded hotel, the



documents show. That tower, which will twist with glass and steel, is near the headquarters of the Israel Defense Forces and will have the most hotel rooms in the country when construction is completed.']}

{'title': 'Mozambique's 2024 National Elections: What to Know', 'author': ['John Eligon', 'Tavares Cebola'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'Voters in Mozambique go to the polls on Wednesday to elect a new president who will face the tall task of figuring out how to defeat a yearslong Islamic State-backed insurgency that is deepening grave humanitarian and economic problems.\n\nAlthough the insurgents rampaging through the northern province of Cabo Delgado have lost a significant amount of strength since the fighting began in 2017, the security situation remains volatile. Efforts to stem the spread of extremist ideology and attacks that have included beheadings will have implications for the region and beyond.\n\nThere is little doubt that Daniel Francisco Chapo, the candidate for the governing party, Frelimo, will prevail over the three other presidential contenders. This will be a seminal shift for Mozambique, a coastal nation of 33 million people in southern Africa. He would be the country's first leader to have been born after it gained independence from Portugal in 1975.\n\nBut an independent candidate whom the country's disaffected youth have rallied behind could make things interesting. In addition, the election could test Mozambique's democracy and stability — and intensify the woes of southern Africa's former liberation movements, whose popularity has plummeted in recent years.'}

{'title': 'As I Am: L.G.B.T.Q. in Japan', 'author': ['Chang W. Lee', 'Motoko Rich', 'Hisako Ueno', 'Photographs'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'As I Am: L.G.B.T.Q. in Japan\n\nOct. 9, 2024\n\nIn Japan, same-sex unions remain outlawed, and children who don't conform to traditional gender norms are routinely bullied. Japanese who are gay, transgender or nonbinary must stake out their own distinctive paths.\n\nIn these interviews, L.G.B.T.Q. Japanese — some of whom spoke despite fears of being ostracized — talked about their daily rhythms and routines. While some are politically active, others prefer to let their personal lives speak for their desire to be accepted.\n\nI thought they wouldn't be able to understand even if I tried to tell them how much I loved my girlfriend.\n\nWhen Hitomi Sawabe, 72, was in high school in Tokyo, she was told that homosexuality was akin to measles — something that could be cured.\n\nHer affection for other women did not feel to her like an illness. Yet she was afraid to share with her family the true nature of her relationships.'}

{'title': 'In This Office, the Fading Dream of a Unified Korea Lives On', 'author': ['Choe Sang-Hun'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'Sohn Yang-Young was appointed governor of South Hamgyeong Province by South Korea's president last year. The job came with a chauffeur-driven car, secretaries, a spacious office and a mahogany desk with a mother-of-pearl nameplate.\n\nBut Mr. Sohn has never been to South Hamgyeong, because it is in North Korea.\n\nSouth Korea has never formally accepted the division of the Korean Peninsula, which was imposed by the United States and the Soviet Union at the end of World War II. (Neither has North Korea, for that matter.) To assert its claim, the South appoints its own governors for five provinces in the North.\n\nA chart in Mr. Sohn's office bears the names and photos of dozens of officials who would help him administer South Hamgyeong "should the day come." That day would be when the two Koreas unify — a remote prospect, to say the least.'}

{'title': 'How Harrods, London's Luxury Emporium, Is Dealing With a Sexual Abuse Scandal', 'author': ['Megan Specia'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'Across the department store's seven labyrinthine floors, visitors weave their way past designer bags, diamond-encrusted watches and columns carved with Egyptian hieroglyphics.\n\nOutside, shoppers pause for selfies in front of the terracotta facade, undeterred by the rain, clutching green paper bags with gold

lettering spelling out the iconic name: Harrods.\n\nThe department store, which first opened in 1849, has long drawn luxury shoppers. But a deluge of allegations of rape and sexual assault against the late Mohamed Al Fayed, a billionaire businessman and the owner of Harrods from 1985 until 2010, have complicated the image of the heritage-driven retailer.\n\nA BBC documentary last month detailed harrowing allegations of sexual abuse by Mr. al-Fayed against a number of female employees, raising questions about the culture within Harrods that they say enabled his behavior.'}

{'title': 'Global Warming Made Helene More Menacing, Researchers Say', 'author': ['Raymond Zhong'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 9, 0, 0), 'content': 'As humans warm the planet, the soaking rains and lashing winds that Hurricane Helene brought last month are becoming increasingly likely occurrences in the Southeastern United States, scientists said Wednesday.\n\nTheir assessment is a warning to Americans that Helene, the deadliest hurricane to hit the U.S. mainland in nearly two decades, was rare but no fluke. Instead, it represents the kind of storm that the nation can expect to experience more often as societies continue burning coal, oil and gas for energy.\n\nThe report came less than a day before Hurricane Milton made landfall in Florida and barreled across the state early Thursday, leaving millions without power and entire neighborhoods flooded.'}

{'title': 'In High Mountain Alaska, a Glacier’s Deep Secret Is Revealed at Last', 'author': ['Raymond Zhong', 'Jason Gulley'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 8, 0, 0), 'content': 'As his bush plane circled the craggy peaks of the Alaska Range, the explorer Bradford Washburn peered down and had a burning thought.\n\nCoursing down the southern slopes of Denali and Mount Silverthrone were the accumulated snows of thousands of winters, compacted under their own weight into colossal rivers of ice that filled the valleys for miles in every direction. At one particular spot in the white wilderness, Washburn noticed from above, all this glacial mass was somehow squeezing through a granite-walled corridor just a mile wide.\n\nWashburn became convinced, he wrote, that beneath the ice lay a secret: The corridor was deep. Deeper, perhaps, than any other gorge on the continent, and maybe even the planet.\n\nThat was 1937. Nearly 90 years later, a team of scientists set off into the windswept mountains to measure the glacier with snowmobiles and ice-penetrating radar. It wasn’t easy: The Great North does not surrender its mysteries readily. The researchers almost didn’t think they’d found anything of interest.'}

{'title': 'Israel Sends More Soldiers Into Lebanon as Strikes Hit Beirut and Damascus', 'author': ['Adam Rasgon', 'Natan Odenheimer', 'Ronen Bergman', 'Thomas Fuller'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 8, 0, 0), 'content': 'Israel announced a new division had joined its invasion of southern Lebanon on Tuesday, signaling that it could be ramping up operations as it pounded the Beirut strongholds of Hezbollah. Two Israeli officials confirmed that Israel had also struck near the Iranian Embassy in Syria’s capital.\n\nThe Iranian-backed Hezbollah forces launched their own aerial attack toward Israel, firing what the Israeli military said were 180 “projectiles,” most of which were intercepted.\n\nSeparately, Israel’s prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, appeared to confirm in a video message released on Tuesday that Israeli airstrikes outside Beirut last week had killed the presumed successor of Hezbollah’s assassinated leader, Hassan Nasrallah.\n\n“We took out thousands of terrorists, including Nasrallah himself and Nasrallah’s replacement,” Mr. Netanyahu said in an apparent reference to Hashem Safieddine, a cousin of Mr. Nasrallah who was expected to replace him and had been targeted in last week’s attack in Lebanon. Neither Hezbollah nor Israel has confirmed Mr. Safieddine’s death.'}

{'title': 'Brazil Unblocks X After Musk Backs Down', 'author': ['Jack Nicas', 'Ana Ionova'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 8, 0, 0), 'content': 'Brazil lifted its ban on the social network X on Tuesday after its owner, Elon Musk, capitulated in his fight with the country’s Supreme Court, ending a five-week suspension of the platform across the nation of 200 million.\n\nBrazil’s Supreme Court said X

had complied with the court's orders to take down certain accounts, which the court called necessary to protect Brazil's democracy and which Mr. Musk called illegal censorship. The company also complied with other orders, including paying fines and naming a new representative in the country.\n\nX's compliance was a stark reversal for Mr. Musk, who had loudly criticized and defied the court for months, going so far as to publish its sealed orders and to close X's offices in Brazil. The court responded by blocking X across Brazil in August, sending millions of Brazilians to the platform's competitors.\n\nBut now, X is returning in Brazil and obeying orders that Mr. Musk had vowed to resist. X said in a post on Tuesday that "giving tens of millions of Brazilians access to our indispensable platform was paramount throughout this entire process." It added that it would "continue to defend freedom of speech, within the boundaries of the law, everywhere we operate.""}

{'title': 'Wednesday Briefing: An Israeli Airstrike in Syria', 'author': ['Gaya Gupta'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 8, 0, 0), 'content': 'Israel targeted a Hezbollah official in Syria\n\nIsrael launched airstrikes yesterday on a residential building in the Syrian capital, Damascus, according to two Israeli officials who spoke anonymously. The attack, which landed near the Iranian Embassy, was an attempt by the Israeli military to assassinate a ranking Hezbollah official involved in weapons smuggling, they said.\n\nSyria's state news agency said that the rockets had killed seven civilians, including women and children, citing a military source. It was not clear if the targeted official was among the dead. The Iranian Embassy in Damascus said that no Iranian citizens had been killed or wounded. It was not immediately clear if the strikes were part of Israel's promised retaliation for Iran's launch of some 200 missiles at Israel last week.\n\nLebanon: Israel said it sent more soldiers into southern Lebanon yesterday, signaling that it could be ramping up its ground invasion. Here's what we know.\n\nGaza in ruins: Much of the enclave is unrecognizable after Israel's relentless military campaign. This is what it used to look like.'}

{'title': 'Israel's Defense Minister Postpones Trip to Washington, U.S. Says', 'author': ['Eric Schmitt', 'More About Eric Schmitt'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 8, 0, 0), 'content': 'Israel's defense minister, Yoav Gallant, postponed a visit to Washington on Wednesday to meet with Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III to discuss Israel's military response to Iran's recent missile barrage, the Pentagon said on Tuesday.\n\nSabrina Singh, the deputy Pentagon press secretary, declined to say why Mr. Gallant had postponed the visit and referred all questions to the Israeli Defense Ministry, which, she said, had informed the Pentagon of the decision on Tuesday.\n\nMs. Singh played down the notion that any tensions between Mr. Austin and Mr. Gallant were behind the postponement, and did not comment on whether internal Israeli political machinations might have prompted the decision.\n\n"We're in constant communication with the Israeli government at different levels, including the secretary to Minister Gallant," Ms. Singh told reporters. "We're going to keep talking to them about their response."\n\nPresident Biden has said he would not support an Israeli strike against Iranian nuclear or energy sites in response to the missile attack on Israel last week, saying that any response should be "proportionate," essentially acknowledging that some counterstrike is appropriate.\n\nThe president and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel last spoke on Aug. 21 by phone, according to a White House statement.\n\nIn a phone call on Sunday, Mr. Austin made clear to Mr. Gallant that the United States wanted Israel to avoid retaliatory steps that would result in a new escalation by the Iranians, a senior Pentagon official said on Monday. The two men had been expected to discuss options in more detail in the face-to-face meeting on Wednesday.\n\nAs Israel's offensive against Hezbollah in Lebanon expands to include ground incursions and intensifying airstrikes, senior Pentagon officials are mulling whether the enhanced American military presence in the region is containing a widening war, as they had hoped, or inflaming it.\n\nIn the 12 months since Hamas has attacked Israel, opening a conflict that includes Yemen, Iran and Lebanon, the Pentagon has sent a bristling array of weaponry to the region, including aircraft carriers, guided-missile destroyers,

amphibious assault ships and fighter squadrons. But Pentagon officials complain that the Israelis have not been completely candid or timely in alerting the United States to impending Israeli operations, including its assassination of Hezbollah's leader, Hassan Nasrallah.\n\nMr. Gallant had informed Mr. Austin during a phone call as the Israeli operation was underway. Pentagon officials said Mr. Austin was seething that the Israelis had not given more notice to allow American troops in the region to increase defensive measures against likely Iranian retaliation.\n\nWhen asked about Mr. Austin's reaction, Ms. Singh told reporters that "he was caught off guard."\n\nEphrat Livni contributed reporting.'}

{'title': 'Biden Excoriated Netanyahu on Israel's Conduct in the War, Woodward Book Says', 'author': ['Peter Baker', 'Ephrat Livni'], 'publish\_date': datetime.datetime(2024, 10, 8, 0, 0), 'content': 'President Biden has had a long and complicated relationship with Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu — one that has taken an especially intense turn in the year since the Oct. 7 Hamas-led attacks, as documented in a new book by the journalist Bob Woodward.\n\nThe book, "War," which is set to be released next week and relies on some anonymous sources, lays bare just how frustrated Mr. Biden has become with Mr. Netanyahu since the war in Gaza began and Israel has bombarded the enclave, killing more than 40,000 people and displacing most of the more than two million residents there.\n\nOutwardly, Mr. Biden has voiced strong support for Israel, sometimes in the face of withering international criticism. He has said that Israel has a right to defend itself, although he has from time to time publicly expressed some of his frustration with Mr. Netanyahu. Privately, the president has reacted far more explosively, sometimes with expletives, to Israel's moves, as multiple news reports have indicated.\n\nMr. Netanyahu and the president last spoke on Aug. 21, according to a White House statement.\n\nMr. Woodward's book, obtained by The New York Times and other news outlets on Tuesday, adds additional, inside-the-room details to those previous accounts, including direct quotes from Mr. Biden speaking with his staff or with the prime minister.\n\nIn April, for instance, the president questioned Mr. Netanyahu's conduct in the war in a phone call, asking, according to the book, "What's your strategy, man?"\n\nWhen Mr. Netanyahu insisted that the Israeli military needed to push deeper into southern Gaza and invade the southern city of Rafah, a key border crossing with Egypt, the president, using Mr. Netanyahu's nickname, dismissed this response.'}

{'title': 'Nobel Peace Prize: Japanese atomic bomb survivors Nihon Hidankyo win', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'Japanese atomic bomb survivors win Nobel Peace Prize\n\nBBC Co-chair Toshiyuki Mimaki, who survived the 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima, was tearful after it was announced Nihon Hidankyo had won\n\nNihon Hidankyo, a Japanese group of atomic bomb survivors, has won the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize. Known as hibakusha, the group is made up of survivors of the 1945 bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It has been recognised by the Norwegian Nobel Committee for efforts to rid the world of nuclear weapons. Nobel Committee Chair Joergen Watne Frydnes said the group had "contributed greatly to the establishment of the nuclear taboo". Mr Frydnes warned the "nuclear taboo" was now "under pressure" - and praised the group's use of witness testimony to ensure nuclear weapons must never be used again.\n\nFounded in 1956, the organisation sends survivors around the world to share their testimonies of the "atrocious damage" and suffering caused by the use of nuclear weapons, according to its website. Their work began almost a decade after the devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The group has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize "many times" in the past, including in 2005 when it received a special mention by the Norwegian Nobel Committee, its website says. On 6 August 1945, a US bomber dropped the uranium bomb above the city of Hiroshima, killing around 140,000 people. Three days later a second nuclear weapon was dropped on Nagasaki. Two weeks later Japan surrendered, ending World War Two. Speaking to reporters in Japan, a tearful Toshiyuki Mimaki, the co-head of the group, said: "Never did I dream this could happen," the AFP news agency quotes him as saying. Mr Mimaki criticised the idea that nuclear

weapons bring peace. "It has been said that because of nuclear weapons, the world maintains peace. But nuclear weapons can be used by terrorists," Mr Mimaki said, according to reports by AFP. In a BBC interview last year, he said despite only being three years old at the time the nuclear bomb hit Hiroshima - he could still remember dazed and burnt survivors fleeing past his home. The prize - which consist of a diploma, a gold medal and a sum of \$1m (£765,800) - will be presented at a ceremonies in Oslo in December, marking the anniversary of the death of the scientist and prize creator Alfred Nobel.\n\nGetty The Hiroshima Peace Memorial building was the only structure left standing in the area after the first atomic bomb was dropped in 1945'}

{'title': 'Colorado gold mine lift malfunction: One dead and 23 rescued', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'One dead and 23 rescued after lift malfunction at Colorado gold mine\n\nWatch: Emergency services work to rescue tourists trapped at Colorado gold mine\n\nThe second group of 12 were stranded in a tunnel at the bottom of the mine but all were returned to safety later in the day.\n\nIn the first group, one person died while the remaining 11 tourists, including two children, were rescued from the mine, four of them with minor injuries.\n\nTwo groups of 12 people were touring Mollie Kathleen Gold Mine in Cripple Creek, a privately owned tourist attraction, when the failure occurred on Thursday, leaving one group stuck below ground for six hours.\n\nOne person has died and 23 others have been rescued after a lift malfunctioned at a disused Colorado gold mine.\n\nThe hour-long tour takes visitors 1,000ft (305m) down the shaft into the south-west side of Pikes Peak, according to the tour company's website.\n\nOfficials say the lift descending into the gold mine had a mechanical issue around 500ft beneath the surface, creating a "severe danger for the participants".\n\n"We did have one fatality that occurred during this issue at 500ft," Teller County Sheriff Jason Mikesell said earlier. He did not give details.\n\n"There is an elevator issue to resolve before they could be brought up," Sheriff Mikesell told reporters.\n\nRescue teams used radio to communicate with the 12 others who were stuck near the bottom of the mine.\n\n"They have chairs, blankets, water and are at a safe temperature," Sheriff Mikesell said. "This was due to an equipment malfunction. The mine did not collapse."\n\nSeveral agencies, including search and rescue teams, responded to the incident with heavy equipment.\n\nHours later, Governor Jared Polis said: "I am relieved that 12 of the people trapped in the Mollie Kathleen Mine have been safely rescued."\n\nAccording to the tour company's website, entering the 1890s gold mine is comparable to riding in a lift, complete with the sounds of mining machinery.\n\nVisitors to the Mollie Kathleen view several exposed gold veins in their natural state, the website says.\n\nThe website adds that revenue from the tours is used to "maintain the mine in safe operable mining condition".\n\nOfficials say the last time an "incident" occurred there was in 1986, though they did not provide more detail.\n\nOn TripAdvisor, several people described the lift as a miners "cage". The posts, which the BBC could not verify, said conditions could be tight and claustrophobic.\n\nWilliam Snare, a former hoist operator at the mine, told the Colorado Springs Gazette that the lift could carry between nine to 15 people. He said it took two minutes to descend, and four to five minutes to return to the surface.\n\nThe mine was named after Mollie Kathleen Gortner, the first woman in the Cripple Creek Gold Camp to strike gold in 1891.\n\nThe tours were set to close this Sunday for the season.'}

{'title': "Breakdancers warned of cone-shaped lump from 'extensive headspinning'", 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'Breakdancers warned of cone-shaped lump from \'extensive headspinning\'\n\nREUTERS Breakdancing made its debut as an official sport at the 2024 Paris Olympics\n\nBreakdancers have been urged to avoid headspinning after a dancer who developed a cone-shaped lump on his head due to "years of extensive headspinning practice" had to have it surgically removed. The benign tumour, dubbed a "breakdance bulge", was more than an inch thick,

according to a report published by the British Medical Journal. The condition is thought to be caused by repeated friction between the scalp and the floor, combined with pressure from the dancer's body. The unnamed dancer from Denmark trained five times a week – including up to seven minutes of headspinning – and had been wearing a hat to hide the bulge.\n\nHe had continued spinning on his head despite developing the “protuberance” over 19 years of breakdancing. Over the last five years, it had grown bigger and more painful. When he sought help in his thirties, medics at Copenhagen University Hospital had to rule out diseases including cancer before diagnosing a “headspin hole”. The condition typically begins with hair loss but can develop into a significant lump on the head.\n\nBMJ Case Reports The dancer's head pictured before the surgery, and one month later\n\nOne of the authors of the paper, published in the journal BMJ Case Reports on Thursday, told the PA news agency: “This report does not advocate against headspinning entirely.” “However, breakdancers who notice the early development of a breakdance bulge should consider reducing or avoiding headspins, as continuing may lead to further enlargement of the bulge”, said Dr Christian Baastrup Sondergaard. He added: “Although this is a rare condition unique to breakdancers, the successful surgical treatment in this case demonstrates that it is a viable option for symptom relief.” He added that only one prior case had been reported and encouraged further study of breakdancing injuries.}’

{'title': "Everest climber Irvine's foot believed found after 100 years", 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'Everest climber's foot found after 100 years\n\nJimmy Chin\n\nA foot believed to belong to a British climber who went missing 100 years ago has been found on Mount Everest, in a discovery that may solve one of mountaineering's biggest mysteries. Andrew Comyn "Sandy" Irvine had attempted to climb Everest in June 1924 with his partner George Mallory when the pair vanished. While his partner's remains were eventually retrieved, Irvine's body was never discovered. But last month a team of climbers filming a National Geographic documentary stumbled on the foot, revealed by melting ice on a glacier. Well-known adventurer Jimmy Chin, who led the team, hailed the discovery as a "monumental and emotional moment".\n\nMany have wondered if his team succeeded in becoming the first people to summit Everest, 29 years before Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay reached the top. Over the years, some have tried to search for Irvine's body as he was said to have been carrying a camera with undeveloped film which could prove that he and his climbing partner George Mallory had succeeded. British authorities are now verifying the identity of the foot using a DNA sample, according to a National Geographic report. The BBC has asked the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office for comment. But the filmmaking team is fairly confident it belongs to Irvine, due to the sock found inside the boot being embroidered with the words "A.C. Irvine". "I mean, dude... there's a label on it," Chin was quoted as saying. The discovery was made when the team descended the Central Rongbuk Glacier by the north face of Everest in September. Along the way, they found an oxygen bottle marked with the date 1933. An Everest expedition that year had found an item belonging to Irvine. Energised by this possible sign that Irvine's body could be nearby, the team searched the glacier for several days, before one of them saw the boot emerging from melting ice. It was a fortuitous spot - they estimated the ice had only melted a week before their discovery.\n\nJimmy Chin\n\nThe foot has since been removed because of concerns that ravens were disturbing it, according to reports, and passed to the Chinese mountaineering authorities who govern the north face of Everest. Julie Summers, a descendent of Irvine, said in a statement that she was "moved to tears" when Mr Chin told her about the discovery. "It was and will remain an extraordinary and poignant moment." "Sometimes in life the greatest discoveries occur when you aren't even looking. This was a monumental and emotional moment for us and our entire team on the ground, and we just hope this can finally bring peace of mind to his relatives and the climbing world at large," said Chin, who is known for making Oscar-winning climbing documentary Free Solo.\n\nGetty Images

Sandy Irvine, as he was popularly known, was 22 when he went missing\n\nAged 22 when he disappeared, Irvine was the youngest member of an expedition that has intrigued the mountaineering world for a century. The pair was last seen alive on 8 June 1924 as they set off for the peak. Mallory\'s body would not be found until 1999 by an American climber. In recent decades, the search for the climbers\' remains has been mired in controversy amid suspicions that the bodies were moved.}

{'title': "Barack Obama urges vote for Kamala Harris in 'tight' presidential race", 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'Obama urges vote for Harris in \'tight\' presidential race\n\nEPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock Barack Obama said the election was "not just about policies that are on the ballot. It is about values"\n\nFormer President Barack Obama has appealed to Americans to vote for Kamala Harris, warning of a "tight" White House race between her and Donald Trump with less than a month to go. At Thursday\'s campaign rally in Pittsburgh in the swing state of Pennsylvania, he urged the audience to "put down your phone...grab your friends and family and vote" for the current Democratic vice-president in the 5 November US election. Obama also attacked her Republican rival Trump on various issues - including the economy and abortion. Meanwhile, Trump on Thursday was campaigning in Detroit in another battleground state of Michigan, accusing the Joe Biden-Kamala Harris administration of "destroying our country".\n\nThe US presidential election is expected to be determined by a handful of states - including Pennsylvania - where both candidates stand a chance of winning.\n\nSpeaking at the University of Pittsburgh, Obama said: "This election is going to be tight because there are a lot of Americans who are still struggling out there." "It\'s not just about policies that are on the ballot. It is about values," he added. He denounced Trump as a selfish politician who only cared about "his ego and his money and his status". "He\'s not thinking about you," he said, accusing Trump of "trying to tear down" the Affordable Care Act - key legislation that millions of Americans rely on. The 44th US president and his wife Michelle Obama publicly endorsed Harris in July, shortly after Biden announced his decision to withdraw from the White House race. Meanwhile in Detroit, Trump addressed a crowd for over an hour about a wide range of topics from voting rules to tariffs on China. Much of his speech focused on his claims that the US auto industry is failing - a part of his broader message that the country\'s economy was suffering. "They\'re destroying our country," he said of the Biden-Harris administration, accusing it of failing auto workers and claiming too many jobs have been moved to Mexico. Also on Thursday, Democratic nominee Kamala Harris was in Nevada trying to secure the support of Latino voters.}

{'title': "China detains iPhone maker workers in 'strange' case", 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'China detains iPhone maker workers in \'strange\' case\n\nTaiwanese authorities have suggested the detentions may be a case of an "abuse of power" by police\n\nThe company is the biggest maker of iPhones for US technology giant Apple and is one of the largest employers in the world, with major manufacturing facilities in China.\n\nThe employees were arrested in Zhengzhou in Henan province on "breach of trust" charges, Taiwan\'s Mainland Affairs Council said in a statement.\n\nChinese police have detained four workers of the Taiwanese iPhone maker, Foxconn, in circumstances Taipei has described as "strange".\n\nTaiwanese authorities suggested the detentions may be a case of "abuse of power" by Chinese police officers and said the case undermines the confidence of businesses operating in China.\n\nA Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson said they were not aware of the matter.\n\nIn October last year, China\'s tax and land authorities launched an investigation into the company.\n\nAt that time, Foxconn\'s founder Terry Gou was running as an independent candidate in Taiwan\'s presidential election.\n\nTaiwan has urged its citizens to "avoid non-essential travel" to the mainland as well as Hong Kong and Macau after China unveiled guidelines in June detailing criminal punishments for what Beijing described as diehard "Taiwan independence"

separatists.\n\nFoxconn\'s facility in Zhengzhou is the world\'s largest iPhone factory which is widely known as "iPhone City".\n\nDespite a long-standing geopolitical rift between Beijing and Taipei, Foxconn is among many Taiwanese businesses that have built factories in China.\n\nBeijing sees the island as a breakaway province that will, eventually, be part of the country, and has not ruled out the use of force to achieve this.\n\nBut many Taiwanese consider themselves to be part of a separate nation - although most are in favour of maintaining the status quo where Taiwan neither declares independence from China nor unites with it.')

{'title': 'Student finds scorpion crawling inside Shein parcel', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'Student finds scorpion crawling inside Shein parcel\n\n\'Our flatmate found a scorpion in her Shein parcel\n\nA student got more than she bargained for when she opened a clothing parcel from fast-fashion firm Shein to discover a live scorpion. "I thought it was a toy - and then it moved," Sofia Alonso-Mossinger said, adding it had been "pretty scary". With the help of her flatmates at the University of Bristol the venomous invader was moved into a tub before being collected by an expert. China-based Shein has been approached for comment and said it was looking into the incident.\n\nThe electrical and electronic engineering student said: "I unzipped the outer packaging and saw something move and was like, what\'s this?" After realising it was a scorpion, Ms Alonso-Mossinger, 18, reziped the bag containing a pair of boots, got it out of her room and called her flatmates. "I thought I was dreaming," she said. "I feel like I am all right with spiders and things but it was scary being in my room with a random scorpion." Phoebe Hunt, 18, said she heard screaming and rushed out to find her flatmate with "a live scorpion in a bag on her boots". She said they were "not exactly buzzing to have a scorpion in the flat". "At first, I\'ll be honest, I said we should kill it and then everyone pointed out that wasn\'t the most humane thing so we scooped it up and put it in a Tupperware." Oliver James, another flatmate who is studying zoology, transferred the scorpion into a plastic container with kitchen tongs. "It was a bit nerve-wracking," he said, as no one knew how venomous it was.\n\nSofia Alonso-Mossinger The scorpion is thought to be a *Olivierus martensii*, or Chinese scorpion'}

{'title': "Phala Phala scandal: Cyril Ramaphosa won't be charged, South African prosecutors say", 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'Ramaphosa won\'t be charged over farm scandal - SA prosecutor\n\nThe president has acknowledged the theft but says the money was legitimate\n\nThe decision not to bring any charges against Ramaphosa or anyone else came after "a comprehensive investigation process", prosecutors said.\n\nThe president denied any wrongdoing, saying that the money stolen from his sofa in 2020 came from the legitimate sale of buffaloes at his Phala Phala farm.\n\nA former spy chief laid a criminal complaint against Ramaphosa, accusing him of committing irregularities in trying to hide the theft of \$4m (£3.25m) in cash at his game farm in the north-eastern Limpopo province.\n\nSouth African prosecutors say they will not pursue criminal charges against President Cyril Ramaphosa in relation to the controversial farm theft scandal that nearly brought down the president two years ago.\n\nRamaphosa survived the so-called "farmgate" scandal and was re-elected as president in June, albeit after being forced to form a coalition, while the criminal investigations were still ongoing.\n\nIn 2022, his African National Congress (ANC) used its majority to block an impeachment motion against him over the scandal.\n\nLast year, the anti-corruption watchdog cleared Ramaphosa amid calls for him to resign.\n\nArthur Fraser, who headed the state security agency between 2016 and 2018, claimed that Ramaphosa hid the farm theft from police and tax authorities and instead organised the kidnapping and questioning of the robbers in an attempt to silence them.\n\nThe president was also accused of money laundering, tax evasion and breaching foreign currency laws over the cash, which was in US dollars.\n\nRamaphosa acknowledged the



burglary but denied the criminal allegations, saying he had reported the break-in to the police.\n\nHe has also disputed the amount of money involved and said it came from legitimate sales of game from his animal-breeding farm.\n\nThe highly publicised burglary threw Ramaphosa's government into turmoil ahead of a crucial party leadership vote.\n\nBut an investigation into the matter has found insufficient evidence of corruption and money laundering, the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) said on Thursday.\n\nIn a statement, Director of Public Prosecutions in Limpopo Ivy Thenga said the decision not to prosecute Ramaphosa was taken after a "careful assessment" of all available evidence presented to the prosecutors by the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI).\n\n"The available evidence presented to prosecutors cannot sustain any charge," NPA spokesman Mthunzi Mhaga said.\n\nThe probe also covered any possible contravention of income tax and exchange control regulations, the prosecutor added.\n\nThe case against three people accused of breaking into Ramaphosa's farm is set to continue next month.\n\nThey appeared at a Limpopo court earlier this week on several charges, including money laundering and house-breaking.'}

{'title': 'Portugal tries to tempt under-35s by slashing taxes', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'Portugal tries to tempt under-35s with tax cuts\n\nThe plan presented by the Portuguese government could see taxes for people aged up to 35 slashed to a maximum of 15%\n\nUnder the government's plan, those aged 35 and under who earn up to €28,000 (£23,400) would pay nothing at all in tax for the first year. The tax burden would then progressively increase over ten years.\n\nPeople earning the average salary of just under €20,000 (£16,700) currently pay a 26% rate of tax on the money they earn over about €16,500.\n\nAs part of the budget presented to parliament on Thursday, the centre-right government of prime minister Luís Montenegro is aiming to reduce income tax for young people.\n\nThe Portuguese government is to slash taxes for people aged 35 and under, in an attempt to dissuade young people from emigrating and encourage foreigners to settle in Portugal.\n\nThe measures would also apply to foreigners. They are the result of a compromise between Montenegro's Democratic Alliance-led government and the Socialist Party (PS), which originally came up with the proposal earlier this year.\n\nIn recent years, foreigners have flocked to Portugal, lured by its affordable rents, mild weather and natural beauty.\n\nIn the capital Lisbon and the southern Algarve region, the number of so-called "digital nomads" has shot up. Their high salaries have driven rents up considerably - often pricing out local Portuguese.\n\nLow salaries in Portugal are also an issue. The minimum monthly wage is €870 (£727) and, at €1,640, the average monthly salary is one of the lowest in Europe.\n\nAs a result, many young people routinely choose to leave. Around 30% of Portuguese aged between 15 and 39 - about 850,000 people - now live abroad, according to data from the country's Emigration Observatory.\n\nThe prime minister has previously promised that his government would "give young people the future they deserve".\n\n"We need young Portuguese people to seize their skills and put them to work on projects and work for the country," he said in May.\n\nThe measure is projected to cost €650m.\n\nYouth minister Margarida Balseiro Lopes told Portuguese media that while the measure had a high financial cost, "the cost to the country of having the most qualified generation ever, fleeing and leaving and emigrating, is incomparably higher than the financial cost of the measure".\n\nBut Lisbon resident João does not believe the new plan will do anything for young people. The government should be focusing instead on policies that address the high cost of housing, he said.\n\n"The current government seems to be determined to increase inequality in this country," he told the BBC, adding that the government was "helping out rich foreigners who realistically don't need any more incentives to come here".\n\nBernardo, 30, a music teacher who moved from Porto to London, felt the measures were "too little too late".\n\n"The reality is that in Portugal wages are too low and the rent prices are very high at the moment for this to feel like it makes a big difference in the long term," he said.\n\nAlthough he has been in the UK for several years, he believes that even if the measure had been brought in before had left, it would not have

made a difference because of the wage difference: "I earn three times more in the UK than I would in Portugal," he said.\n\nThe budget will only go through if the opposition Socialists abstain or if the far-right Chega party endorses it. Neither scenario is certain.\n\nA failure to pass the budget would lead to the collapse of the Montenegro government, which only came to power in April after the third snap election in three years.\n\nThe parliamentary vote on the budget will take place on 31 October.'}

{'title': 'Rafael Nadal retires: 22-time Grand Slam champion confirms retirement from tennis aged 38', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'When announcing he would not play in the 2023 French Open, Nadal said he planned to retire at the end of 2024 because of the series of injuries which were taking their toll on his body.\n\nBut, having returned earlier this season, Nadal became increasingly non-committal about his future.\n\nThe former world number one regularly said he wanted to keep playing as long as his body let him.\n\nNow, after a chastening defeat by long-time rival Djokovic at the Paris Olympics in July, he has decided the time is right.\n\n"It is obviously a difficult decision, one that has taken me some time to make," he said.\n\n"But, in this life, everything has a beginning and an end."\n\nAfter returning to competitive action in Brisbane in January, Nadal was sidelined again with a thigh injury, missing the Australian Open.\n\nNadal played four tournaments during the European clay-court season, culminating in a first-round defeat at the French Open.\n\nSince then he has played just two more tournaments - in Bastad and the Olympic Games at Roland Garros.\n\nLast month he was included in Spain\'s squad for the Davis Cup Finals, which takes place between 19-24 November.\n\n"I think it\'s the appropriate time to put an end to a career that has been long and much more successful than I could ever have imagined," Nadal said.\n\n"I\'m very excited that my last tournament will be the final of the Davis Cup and representing my country."\n\nHe has not played competitively since teaming up with Carlos Alcaraz - long seen as Nadal\'s heir at the pinnacle of Spanish men\'s tennis - in Olympics doubles earlier this year.\n\nAlcaraz said being given the opportunity to play with his idol was an "immense gift" and the news of his retirement was "tough to accept".\n\n"I was in shock a little bit," added Alcaraz, who heard the news shortly before he lost in the Shanghai Masters quarter-finals.\n\n"Losing him, in a certain way, is going to be difficult for us, so I will try to enjoy as much as I can when he\'s going to play.'"}\n\n

{'title': 'Ethel Kennedy: Human rights advocate dies at 96', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'Human rights advocate Ethel Kennedy dies at 96\n\nShe was by her husband Robert F Kennedy\'s side when the Democratic presidential candidate was fatally shot in a Los Angeles hotel kitchen in 1968. Five years earlier, her brother-in-law, President John F Kennedy, was assassinated in Dallas, Texas.\n\nHer grandson, Joe Kennedy, posted a statement online to announce the passing of "our amazing grandmother".\n\nA matriarch of one of America\'s most famous political dynasties, she died on Wednesday after suffering a stroke a week ago, the family member said.\n\nEthel Kennedy, a human rights advocate and the widow of Robert F Kennedy, has died aged 96, her family says.\n\nHer husband\'s time in the spotlight was bright but short\n\nA statement posted on social media by the Kennedy family said: "It is with our hearts full of love that we announce the passing of our amazing grandmother, Ethel Kennedy.\n\nAlong with a lifetime\'s work in social justice and human rights, our mother leaves behind nine children, 34 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren, along with numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom love her dearly."\n\nIt described her as a "devout Catholic", adding: "We are comforted in knowing she is reunited with the love of her life, our father, Robert F Kennedy; her children David and Michael; her daughter-in-law Mary; her grandchildren Maeve and Saoirse; and her great-grandchildren Gideon and Josie.\n\nPlease keep her in your hearts and prayers."\n\nIn a statement, President Joe Biden called Ms Kennedy "a matriarch of optimism and moral courage" and "an emblem of resilience and service".\n\n"Devoted to family and country, she

had a spine of steel and a heart of gold that inspired millions of Americans, including me and Jill. We were blessed to call her a dear friend."

Ms Kennedy was born in 1928 in Chicago, but grew up in Connecticut, where she met her future husband at just 17. They married in 1950.

The couple was involved early in the Kennedy family's political efforts, helping to campaign for John F Kennedy's presidential run in 1960 before Robert Kennedy launched his own political career.

Her husband's time in the spotlight was bright but short - he was shot and killed by Sirhan Sirhan in Los Angeles as he campaigned for the 1968 Democratic nomination for president.

Ms Kennedy founded the Robert F Kennedy Human Rights foundation months after her late-husband's assassination, while still pregnant with their 11th child.

It was not the only tragedy she would face in a family famous for it. Besides the loss of her husband and brother-in-law, two of her sons died: David in 1984 and Michael in 1997.

She is survived by nine of her children, including Robert F. Kennedy Jr, who ran an independent campaign for the White House this year before suspending the effort.

The foundation she launched is dedicated to advancing human rights through litigation and continues its work.

Following her death, the foundation wrote of its founder: "After founding Robert F Kennedy Human Rights months after her husband's death in 1968, Ethel Kennedy became a political force in her own right, personally tackling human rights issues both at home and abroad."

It described her as a "champion for justice, standing with human rights defenders around the globe".

The foundation said she "lived a tremendously impactful life", adding, "May she rest in eternal peace."

{'title': "New Zealand minister criticises trolling of sunk ship's female captain", 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'New Zealand minister criticises trolling of sunk ship's female captain\n\nSamoan Government HMNZS Manawanui ran aground, before catching fire and capsizing\n\nNew Zealand's defence minister has criticised "armchair admirals" for suggesting that a female captain's gender was to blame for the sinking of one of the nation's naval ships. HMNZS Manawanui ran aground one nautical mile from the Samoan island of Upolu on Saturday night while surveying a reef. It later caught fire and capsized. All 75 people on board were evacuated onto lifeboats and rescued early on Sunday, New Zealand's Defence Force said in a statement. Officials are now investigating the cause of the incident and assessing the wreck's potential environmental damage.\n\n"A court of inquiry has been stood up to establish what caused this terrible incident," said Judith Collins, New Zealand's first female defence minister. "The one thing that we already know did not cause it is the gender of the ship's captain." British-born Commander Yvonne Gray, who previously served in the UK's Royal Navy, was the captain of HMNZS Manawanui. She told the New Zealand Herald the incident saw her "very worst imagining" become a reality. But Cdr Gray added that the crew had responded to the emergency "exactly the way I needed them to" and "acted with commitment, with comradeship and, above all, with courage". Collins said she was appalled to see online trolling from "armchair admirals, people who will never have to make decisions which mean life or death for their subordinates". She added: "I thought seriously in 2024 what the hell is going on here with people who are sitting there in their armchair operating a keyboard making comments about people that they do not know, about an area they do not know and they are just vile. Where's a bit of decency."'\n\nNew Zealand Defence Force Commander Yvonne Gray moved to New Zealand in 2012'}

{'title': 'European Union delays introduction of new border check system', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'EU delays introduction of border check system again\n\nGetty Images\n\nThe European Union has again delayed introducing a fingerprint and facial scan check system for non-EU citizens at all EU borders. It was due to be rolled out on 10 November, but has been pushed back yet again after Germany, France and the Netherlands said their systems were not ready. Meanwhile, sources have told the BBC that there has been no live testing of the EU's software on the UK's border systems. EU Home Affairs Commissioner Ylva Johansson said there was not a new timetable for its implementation, but it would be phased in.\n\n'It's clear that we're not going to be ready for the 10

November," said Ms Johansson, adding: "We will be going for a phased approach, step by step." This delay is the latest in a long line of setbacks for the system, which was originally meant to be introduced in 2022. The Entry Exit System (EES) will mean non-EU citizens, including people from the UK, need to register biometric data at any EU border to get in rather than stamping passports. The idea is to make a digital record linking passports to biometric data. Passengers will be given hand held devices, so they can register their details in their cars. The EES will apply to road borders, airports, ports, train stations - including Eurostar services - and at all other external EU borders. The EU Justice and Home Affairs Council will meet next week to discuss the rollout of the EES. A spokesperson for the German interior ministry told the Reuters news agency the three countries were not ready to bring in the system because the EU agency in charge of it, EU-Lisa, had not yet made it stable enough. The French interior ministry told Reuters EES must be prepared properly.'}

{'title': "William Lai: Taiwan's president vows to resist 'annexation'", 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'Taiwan\'s president vows to resist \'annexation\'\\n\\nGetty Images President Lai has adopted a more strident tone on China than his predecessor\\n\\nPresident William Lai has pledged to uphold Taiwan\'s self-governing status in his most high-profile public address since taking office earlier this year. In a thinly-veiled reference to China\'s claim over the island, Lai said he would "uphold the commitment to resist annexation or encroachment upon our sovereignty." At the same time, Lai promised to maintain "the status quo of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait" and pledged to cooperate with Beijing on issues such as climate change, combating infectious diseases and maintaining regional security. Responding to Lai\'s speech, a spokeswoman for China\'s Ministry of Foreign Affairs said it "exposed his intransigent position" on Taiwan independence.\\n\\nLai was speaking to a crowd in Taipei to commemorate Taiwan\'s National Day, only nine days after Communist China celebrated its 75th anniversary. "The Republic of China and the People\'s Republic of China are not subordinates to each other," he said, in a reference to the governments of Taipei and Beijing respectively. "On this land, democracy and freedom are thriving. The People\'s Republic of China has no right to represent Taiwan," he added. Lai previously told visitors there would be "no surprises" in his national day address, in a bid to reassure them that he would not do anything further to agitate Beijing. The disclaimer followed several speeches by President Lai over the past few months that some viewed as being provocative. "The speech was much softer and less snarky than his recent speeches," Lev Nachman, a political scientist at the National Taiwan University, told the BBC in reference to Thursday\'s address. "It gives China far less ammunition to use against him." "Nevertheless," he added, "Beijing will still find many reasons to hate this speech." Mr Nachman said he expected a strong reaction from Beijing in the form of more military exercises in the next few days. Calling him "intransigent" on independence, a spokeswoman for China\'s Ministry of Foreign Affairs criticised Lai\'s speech and his "sinister intention to escalate tensions in the Taiwan Strait in order to seek political gains." "No matter what the Lai Ching-te Administration says or does, it will not be able to change the objective fact that the two sides of the Taiwan Strait belong to the same China, nor will it be able to stop the historical trend that China is bound to be reunified, and will be reunified eventually," Mao Ning told reporters on Thursday, using Lai\'s Chinese name. Last week, Lai said it was "absolutely impossible" for China to be the "motherland" of Taiwan because the island\'s government was founded in 1911, decades before the current Communist regime of mainland China was founded in 1949. "On the contrary, the Republic of China may actually be the motherland of citizens of the People\'s Republic of China who are over 75 years old," Lai said at a concert to mark Taiwan\'s National Day on Saturday. Taiwan maintains the constitution of the Republic of China, which was founded on the Chinese mainland. When it lost a long civil war with the Communists in 1949, the Republic of China government fled to Taiwan and has been based there ever since.\\n\\nGetty Images Lai spoke to a crowd

in Taipei to commemorate Taiwan's National Day, only nine days after Communist China celebrated its 75th anniversary'}

{'title': 'Yung Filly: YouTuber charged over sexual assault in Australia', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'YouTuber Yung Filly charged with raping woman in Australia\n\nYung Filly has released music as a rapper and presented his own BBC show\n\nThe British rapper and online personality Yung Filly has been charged over rape allegations in Australia.\n\nReal name Andres Felipe Valencia Barrientos, he is best known for his work with the YouTube collective Beta Squad and has presented shows on BBC Three.\n\nHe was arrested in Brisbane on Tuesday and extradited to Perth the following day to attend a court hearing.\n\nBarrientos, 29, was charged on Thursday and has had his bail application approved. His representatives have been contacted for comment.'}

{'title': 'Ratan Tata is cremated with full state honours in Mumbai', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'India holds state funeral for tycoon Ratan Tata\n\nReuters Thousands paid their last respects to Tata, one of India's most respected business leaders\n\nThe funeral has taken place in Mumbai of Ratan Tata, the former chairman of one of India's biggest conglomerates, Tata Group, who died on Wednesday aged 86. Business leaders, politicians and celebrities were among thousands of people who paid their last respects at the centre where his body lay in state before being cremated. Maharashtra state declared a day of mourning and his coffin was given a military salute as it was taken away for the funeral rites. Ratan Tata took over as group chairman in 1991 and is credited with transforming it into a global powerhouse.\n\nReuters Police had to hold back crowds of people paying their respects in Mumbai\n\nThousands turned up at the National Centre for Performing Arts in Mumbai, where Ratan Tata's body was taken in the morning, to pay their respects. His casket was wrapped in the Indian flag and covered with wreaths of white flowers. Fellow business tycoon Mukesh Ambani, Home Minister Amit Shah and Bollywood star Aamir Khan were among those present to say goodbye. Also in attendance was Ratan Tata's dog, Goa, accompanied by two Tata employees. The dog was rescued from the streets of Goa state, which gave it its name. The tycoon, who had a reputation for being modest and shy, was known for his philanthropic work, including animal welfare, health and education.\n\nReuters Tata had been fond of Goa, a rescue dog that lived with him in Mumbai\n\nTata's death was announced on Wednesday night. He had been admitted to hospital earlier in the week. "His legacy will continue to inspire us as we strive to uphold the principles he so passionately championed," a company statement said. The Tata Group is one of India's largest companies, with annual revenues in excess of \$100bn (£76.5bn), and he was one of India's most internationally-recognised business leaders. Founded 155 years ago, the group straddles a business empire ranging from Jaguar Land Rover and Tata Steel, to aviation and salt pans. During his 20-year tenure, the conglomerate made several high-profile acquisitions, including the takeover of Anglo-Dutch steelmaker Corus, UK-based car brands Jaguar and Land Rover, and Tetley, the world's second-largest tea company. Some of those decisions paid off, while others - including a failed telecom venture and the Nano, which was billed as the world's cheapest car but flopped - lost money.'}

{'title': 'Han Kang: South Korean author wins Nobel Literature Prize', 'author': ['South Korean Author Han Kang Has Won The Nobel Prize In Literature.'], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'South Korea's Han Kang wins Nobel Literature Prize\n\nGetty Images Han Kang is the author of International Booker prize-winning novel The Vegetarian\n\nSouth Korean author Han Kang has won the Nobel Prize in Literature. The 53-year-old fiction writer is a former winner of the Man Booker International Prize for her 2007 novel The Vegetarian. At the ceremony she was praised "for her intense poetic prose that

confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life". The Nobel Prize committee has awarded the literary award since 1901 and this marks the 18th time a woman has won the prize. She has won 11m krona (£810,000) which is the amount awarded to each Nobel Prize winner this year.

Han is the first South Korean winner of the prize, who was described by the Nobel Prize board as someone who has "devoted herself to music and art". The statement also added that her work crosses boundaries by exploring a broad span of genres - these include violence, grief and patriarchy. A turning point for her career came in 2016, when she won the International Man Booker prize for *The Vegetarian* - a book which had been released nearly a decade before, but was first translated into English in 2015 by Deborah Smith. It depicts the violent consequences for a woman who refuses to submit to the norms of food intake. Han's other works include *The White Book*, *Human Acts* and *Greek Lessons*. Swedish Academy permanent secretary Mats Malm said at the ceremony that "she wasn't really prepared" to win the prize. Committee chair Anders Olsen also said she "confronts historical traumas and invisible sets of rules and, in each of her works, exposes the fragility of human life". He praised her "poetic and experimental style", and called her "an innovator in contemporary prose". The chair added she has "unique awareness of the connections between body and soul, the living and the dead".

{'title': 'Drone footage shows Hurricane Milton damage in Florida', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'Joyful welcome by stranded astronauts for SpaceX capsule crew\n\nA capsule sent to bring back two astronauts stranded on the International Space Station has docked.'}

{'title': 'Damage assessed after hurricane smashes through Florida', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'Rescue and recovery efforts have begun in Florida after Hurricane Milton made landfall, ripping the roof off a stadium and leaving millions without power.\n\nAhead of the storm on Wednesday, tornadoes touched down, levelling houses and killing at least five people.\n\nAs the evening wore on, emergency services carried out dozens of rescues in flooded communities.\n\nOne Floridian urged people to "start praying" for his neighbourhood.\n\nFollow live coverage here.'}

{'title': 'Watch: Florida webcams show Hurricane Milton making landfall', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'Cameras in Fort Myers, Tampa and Sarasota have captured Hurricane Milton making landfall.\n\nMilton is carrying winds of 120mph (205km/h), according to the US National Hurricane Center, and is moving north-east at about 15mph as it crosses over Florida and heads out to the Atlantic over the coming hours.'}

{'title': 'Moment extreme turbulence hits Hurricane Milton hunters', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'Hurricane hunters from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) experienced extreme turbulence as they flew through Hurricane Milton on Tuesday.\n\nVideo from aboard the flight shows items being thrown around the aircraft.\n\nThe scientists on board were collecting data from the storm, which President Biden says is due to be the largest in the US for 100 years.\n\nThe aircraft that the scientists flew in is called "Miss Piggy".'}

{'title': 'Las Vegas casino imploded to make way for stadium', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'A spectacular firework and drone show bade farewell to one of the last symbols of Las Vegas' golden era, before it was imploded.\n\nThe Tropicana opened in 1957, and in its heyday was visited by Frank Sinatra and the so-called Rat Pack.'}

{'title': 'How do young Palestinians and Israelis think about the future?', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'Copyright 2024 BBC. All rights reserved. The BBC is not responsible for the content of external sites. Read about our approach to external linking.'}

{'title': 'Israel remembers victims of 7 October attack a year on', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': "Several events have taken place across Israel to commemorate victims a year on from Hamas's attack on 7 October.\n\nIsrael's parliament lowered the country's flag to half-mast to mark the one-year anniversary.\n\nFriends and relatives returned to the site of the Supernova festival in Re'im, southern Israel, where they replayed the last song heard before the attackers struck.\n\nIn Tel Aviv, people formed a human chain to call for more to be done to secure the release of the remaining hostages."}

{'title': "'Daily challenge to get stories out of Gaza' - BBC's Rushdi Abualouf", 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': "The BBC's Rushdi Abualouf, who has reported from Gaza for decades, spent weeks documenting the conflict from inside the territory, only leaving with his family on 20 November for the sake of their safety.\n\nHe sheds light on the challenges of reporting the war from inside and outside of Gaza.\n\nVideo produced by Jack Burgess and Ian Casey"}

{'title': "Israeli hostage family's fight 'not over' one year on", 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': "On 7 October, it will be one year since the attacks on southern Israel by Hamas gunmen, where around 1,200 people were killed and 251 people were taken hostage.\n\nHadas Kalderon from Nir Oz survived the attack but her mother and niece were murdered.\n\nHer two youngest children were kidnapped along with their father and taken to Gaza.\n\nHer children came home last November but their father, her ex-husband, is still held captive.\n\nShe's been speaking to the BBC about her continuing fight, one year on.\n\nSince the start of the war nearly 42,000 people have been killed in Gaza, according to the Hamas-run health authority."}

{'title': 'How Xi's crackdown turned China's finance high-flyers into 'rats'', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': "How China's crackdown turned finance high-flyers into 'rats'\n\nGetty Images China has cracked down on businesses including real estate, technology and finance\n\n"Now I think about it, I definitely chose the wrong industry." Xiao Chen\*, who works in a private equity firm in China's financial hub, Shanghai, says he is having a rough year. For his first year in the job, he says he was paid almost 750,000 yuan (\$106,200; £81,200). He was sure he would soon hit the million-yuan mark. Three years on, he is earning half of what he made back then. His pay was frozen last year, and an annual bonus, which had been a big part of his income, vanished. The "glow" of the industry has worn off, he says. It had once made him "feel fancy". Now, he is just a "finance rat", as he and his peers are mockingly called online. China's once-thriving economy, which encouraged aspiration, is now sluggish. The country's leader, Xi Jinping, has become wary of personal wealth and the challenges of widening inequality. Crackdowns on billionaires and businesses, from real estate to technology to finance, have been accompanied by socialist-style messaging on enduring hardship and striving for China's prosperity. Even celebrities have been told to show off less online. Loyalty to the Communist Party and country, people are told, now trumps the personal ambition that had transformed Chinese society in the last few decades.\n\nMr Chen's swanky lifestyle has certainly felt the pinch from this U-turn. He traded a holiday in Europe for a cheaper option: South East Asia. And he says he "wouldn't even think about" buying again from luxury brands like "Burberry or Louis Vuitton". But at least ordinary workers like him are less likely to find themselves in trouble with the law. Dozens of finance officials and banking bosses have been detained, including the former chairman of the Bank of China. On Thursday, the former vice-governor of the People's Bank of China, Fan Yifei, was sentenced to death with a two-year reprieve, according to state media. Fan was found guilty of accepting bribes worth more than 386 million yuan (\$54.6m; £41.8m). The industry is under pressure. While few companies have publicly admitted it, pay cuts in banking and investment firms are a hot topic on Chinese social media. Posts about falling salaries have generated millions of views in recent months. And hashtags like "changing

career from finance” and “quitting finance” have gained more than two million views on the popular social media platform Xiaohongshu. Some finance workers have been seeing their income shrink since the start of the pandemic but many see one viral social media post as a turning point. In July 2022, a Xiaohongshu user sparked outrage after boasting about her 29-year-old husband’s 82,500-yuan monthly pay at top financial services company, China International Capital Corporation. People were stunned by the huge gap between what a finance worker was getting paid and their own wages. The average monthly salary in the country's richest city, Shanghai, was just over 12,000 yuan. It reignited a debate about incomes in the industry that had been started by another salary-flaunting online user earlier that year. Those posts came just months after Xi called for “common prosperity” - a policy to narrow the growing wealth gap. In August 2022, China’s finance ministry published new rules requiring firms to “optimise the internal income distribution and scientifically design the salary system”. The following year, the country's top corruption watchdog criticised the ideas of “finance elites” and the “only money matters” approach, making finance a clearer target for the country’s ongoing anti-corruption campaign.\n\nGetty Images Shanghai is a financial hub and China's richest city”}

{'title': 'Tornadoes reported as Hurricane Milton lashes Florida', 'author': [], 'publish\_date': None, 'content': 'Why did Hurricane Milton cause tornadoes in Florida?\n\nTornadoes touch down in Florida ahead of hurricane\n\nMultiple tornadoes have been reported across Florida as Hurricane Milton lashed the state. They were spotted in parts of south Florida, and crossing a key highway as drivers were on the road. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said forecasted conditions were helping Milton produce the phenomenon across central and south Florida. At least 116 tornado warnings were issued across Florida on Wednesday, Governor Ron DeSantis told a news conference that evening, with 19 twisters confirmed in the state.\n\nFour people have been reported dead around Fort Pierce on the Atlantic coast, in an area where a dozen strong tornadoes were reported. Forecasters say such twisters can form amid tropical weather, though typically are not very strong - through they still pose a deadly threat.\n\nWhy were there so many tornadoes ahead of Milton?\n\nTornadoes are perhaps not the first weather element we think about when forecasting hurricanes. A huge area of cloud like a hurricane tends to make us think of copious amounts of rain, destructive winds and deadly storm surges. But tornadoes can accompany any tropical weather, according to the National Weather Service (NWS). And it is not unusual to receive reports of tornadoes in the outer rain bands of a hurricane, because there is enough energy for them to form. The rain bands away from the eye of the storm are important areas because they host the best, most suitable wind shear and instability. The NWS notes most of these twisters are "relatively weak and short-lived, but they still pose a significant threat".\n\nTornadoes can be tricky to forecast - and indiscriminate in where they form - but they can prove deadly when they strike in highly populated areas. Tornadoes happen on a much smaller scale compared with a hurricane, but they can cause devastation when then make landfall in populated areas. Just a fortnight ago, warnings were issued in Georgia for large tornadoes ahead of Hurricane Helene. It is still uncertain how many tornadoes touched down in Florida this time.\n\nHow do tornadoes form?\n\nHow does a tornado form?'}\n\n